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JAPANESE PEACE PACT INVITATION

Washington, July 16. The "Washington Post" said today that the United States has called an 11-nation conference to meet here on August 19 to start work on the peace treaty with Japan. Invitations have been sent to Australia, China, Russia, the Philippines, Britain, Canada, the Netherlands, France, India, and New Zealand, the paper said.

It added: "Invitations were issued after consulting Russia, but without, apparently, waiting for Soviet approval."

Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith discussed the subject with Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov on instructions from the US State Department, shortly after returning to his post in Moscow from a visit here.

Molotov objected promptly and emphatically. He argued that the Council of Foreign Ministers could handle the Japanese treaty without the participation of smaller powers.

Associated Press.

Lady Iris In Cheque Case

New York, July 15. Lady Iris Mountbatten, tall, blonde, 27-year-old cousin of King George VI, was arrested on a warrant today charging her with passing bad cheques in Washington.

Familiar to thousands of subway riding New Yorkers through posters on which she endorsed chewing gum, Lady Iris explained that, in England, banks customarily permit slight overdrafts and advise delinquents before taking action.

Lady Iris was taken to police headquarters to be photographed and fingerprinted. Specifically she was charged with cashing three cheques, totalling about US\$100, which were returned marked "insufficient funds." She described herself as a publicly agent.—United Press.

FRENCH INDIA

Paris, July 15. A number of Indian residents in Paris and the Secretary of the Indian Workers' Association of Great Britain have sent a petition to the Speaker of the National Assembly, M. Edouard Herriot, and to the acting Governor of French India, M. Charles Baron, now in Paris for consultation, demanding the immediate withdrawal of French control in India.—Reuter.

China's Cabinet's New Powers

Nanking, July 16. Movement of idle capital within China is placed under close Government supervision by the general mobilisation order which was approved by the Executive Yuan on July 15. The order authorises the Cabinet to adopt emergency measures in the political, economic and military fields. It goes into effect after the State Council meeting on Friday.

The main objective of the control of the overflow of idle capital is to prevent any large scale, profligate spending. To achieve this purpose, the National Government will check the accounts of national and private banks to seal loops.

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Critically Wounded: Crawl Through Paddy Fields

Sub-Inspector Nippard, attached to Lokmachau Police Station, was lying in Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition last night, with a bullet wound near the spine as the result of a clash with an armed gang on the border. After a shooting battle lasting nearly half an hour, during which Inspector Nippard and a Chinese constable shot it out with fifteen to twenty men armed with automatic rifles and revolvers, both were overpowered, disarmed and robbed.

Glamour Girl's Illness

Nice, July 16. Virginia Hill, glamorous girl friend of the late Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, apparently terrified over reports that two gunmen had been dispatched from the United States to murder her, is reported to have attempted to commit suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The condition of Miss Hill, owner of the Los Angeles home in which the notorious mobster was recently slain, was revealed in the record of the Villa Albert Clinic in Monte Carlo.

According to reports, hotel employees found her and rushed her to the clinic, where doctors saved her and permitted her to leave on July 11.

The French authorities denied receiving word from the Los Angeles authorities, who said they had informed the French police of the gangsters' reported departure.

At Las Vegas, Nevada, it was revealed that Virginia Hill was warned that he was marked for death.

Eye-witnesses related that she issued the warning during her visit to her when she was sent to hospital there for an overdose of sleeping pills last month.—United Press.

NATHANYA RAID

Jerusalem, July 15. A leading Jewish terrorist was caught today when police and troops combed the Jewish town of Nathanya, which was placed under military rule when a search is made for two British army sergeants kidnapped last Saturday.

During today's search hundreds of Nathanya's inhabitants were screened.—Reuter.

FRENCH INDIA

Paris, July 15. Radio Moscow announced today that a vast rehabilitation and development programme would shortly be started in the war-devastated Donetz basin, once the heart of Russia's coal and steel industry.—United Press.

At the mercy of their captors, they were ordered to march and were cold-bloodedly shot down from behind by a gangster who fired from close range.

The constable, Lau Chak-wah, escaped the more lightly. He was wounded in the hip and at Kowloon Hospital last night, his condition was stated to be "fair."

The incident developed at about 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Ma Cho Lung in the Lokmachau district, alongside the Shumchun River, when Inspector Nippard and P.C. Lau Chak-wah, on patrol, were given information of the presence of suspicious characters in a hut.

Their shelter instantly started a shoot-out battle, with the three men opening fire, and calling in support from an armed party on the Chinese side of the river, who opened up with a Bren gun and other automatic weapons.

Shooting went on intermittently for nearly half an hour, during which time the police officers exhausted their ammunition while several armed men were crossing the Shumchun stream and closing in upon them. They were finally rushed and overpowered. They were shot in the back before the armed gang disappeared in the direction of Chick Mei.

P.C. Lau refused to leave his more severely wounded superior officer, but both crawled through the fields and managed to reach the side of the road by 10 p.m. when they attracted the attention of two other police officers and were taken to Lokmachau Police Station to await the arrival of an ambulance to take them to Kowloon Hospital.

Police are inclined to connect the trio in the hut with an armed gang which carried out a big armed robbery in Lokmachau on Monday morning.

Two Defeats In Lords

London, July 15. The Government was defeated twice today in the House of Lords on amendments to the agricultural bill—the third and fourth defeats to the bill.

Lord Courthope proposed an amendment that officials checking peat and weed control should give the farmers notice before entering his land. Lord Huntington declined to accept the amendment for the government and it was put to the vote and was carried 42 to 15.

United Press.

AUSTRIA WARNED

Vienna, July 16. Lieut.-Gen. L. V. Kurasov, Soviet High Commissioner, has warned Chancellor Leopold Figl that Russia believes the American-Austrian agreement for economic aid to Austria is not in accordance with the Moscow declaration of 1943 and that the pact will not be recognised as legal by the Soviet Union.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. Hong Kong summer time) a tropical depression or typhoon of unknown intensity was centred about 180 miles ENE of N Lusan; probably moving NW. Pressure remains high SE of Japan and over Indonesia. A complex system of depression covers China, Taiwan, Philippines, S.E. Asia, and Australia.

Today's forecast—Light "SE" wind, breaking weather fine and oppressive.

Special Government permission will be required for remittances above the stipulated sums.

The control of foreign exchange will be intensified and backdoor transactions in gold and foreign currencies, especially American dollars, are subject to severe punishment.

The order warns severe Government measures against labour strikes, sabotage and closure of factories and "other activities liable to disturb social order."

The Government is empowered to restrict people's assemblies, and propaganda which it may consider liable to stir unrest or revolt.

Prices of daily necessities, the movement of commodities, the use of capital and other financial activities come under strict Government control.—Associated Press.

U.S. Wants Yokosuka Navy Base

Yokosuka, July 16.

Captain Benton W. Decker, Commander of Fleet Activities at Yokosuka, told visiting American newspapermen that the United States should retain control of Yokosuka naval base after the peace treaty was signed and make it a permanent station for United States naval strength in this part of the world, for an indefinite period.

Reliable quarters here said

M. Mikoyan now has provisionally agreed to a pact under which Russia will supply Britain with 1,000,000 tons of grain in the first year of a four-year cereals agreement.—United Press.

The instructions, in effect,

completely reversed the Soviet attitude which previously had been so unfavourable that Mr. Wilson had cabled for permission to give up and come home.

Reports reaching here said that

suddenly and dramatically at

midnight on July 8 the Soviet

Minister for Foreign Trade, M. Anastas Mikoyan, called upon the chief of the British delegation, Mr. Harold Wilson, and informed him that he had received new instructions from the Kremlin.

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completely reversed the Soviet

attitude which previously had

been so unfavourable that Mr.

Wilson had cabled for permission to give up and come home.

They were arrested last night

upon information furnished by the Foreign Ministry and taken to a segregation centre in the Tel Aviv district, in the northern sector of Shanghai, where they will be held until sent

home.

The Chinese garrison au-

thorities here in confirming the

arrests revealed that additional

Germans will be rounded up in

the next few days and that the

homes of all those arrested will

be sealed as enemy property.

The round-up came on the

heels of numerous complaints

that many high-ranking Nazis

and prominent members of the

German community, known to be

included in the original repatriation

list, are still in Shanghai, busily engaged in "reorganising" German commercial houses.

The first batch of Germans

arrested included Mr. H. S.

Breuer, former director of Mel-

chers and Company, W. Voss,

one of the former directors of

Carlomitz and Company (Ger-

man counter-part of the British

firm of Jardine, Matheson &

Company) Margot Seidel, 14

year old daughter of a fabulously

rich German with vast inter-

ests both here and in Japan,

(she was taken into custody

when her father could not be

located), Frau Borchardt and

her two children (Berhardt a

prominent local Nazi died a

year ago), E. Thiel, former

director of the well-known firm

of "Kofa" and Max Tiefenbacher,

well-known sportsman.—Reuter.

Nanking Tightens Control

Nanking, July 16.

The Government has

extended its control over

Chinese press and cul-

tural activities abroad.

The Overseas Chinese Affairs

Commission today ordered all

newspapers and periodicals

published by Chinese nationals

abroad to register with the

Commission through the

medium of Chinese Embassies,

Consulates or educational as-

sociations recognised by the

National Government.

This is significant in view of

persistent Chinese press reports

alleging "hectic" Communist

activities among overseas Chin-

ese in Hongkong, Singapore and

other South Sea regions.

Chinese representatives abroad

have been instructed to give

registered Chinese publications

"constant advice and assis-

tance."

Chinese newspapers and

magazines will be banned in

China if such publications are

found guilty of carrying "un-

lawful statements" which "are

harmful to China's foreign re-

lations."—Associated Press.

FREEDOM OF EDINBURGH</h

Coming Events

August 7—HK & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.
August 12—HK & Shai Hotels annual meeting, noon.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hughes \$5,000, Chinese Estates Ltd. \$1,000, The Corporal and Airmen of R.A.F. Station, Kai Tak \$200, Mr. and Mrs. G.S.P. Heywood \$100, (In memory of E. and G.) Miss R. Berwickshire \$30, The Texas Company (China) Ltd. \$5,000, Standard Vacuum Oil Company \$5,000, Total \$16,330.00.

Hong Kong Government Contribution \$16,330.

Received to 15th July, 1947 \$1,730,391.00. Total \$1,769,051.06.

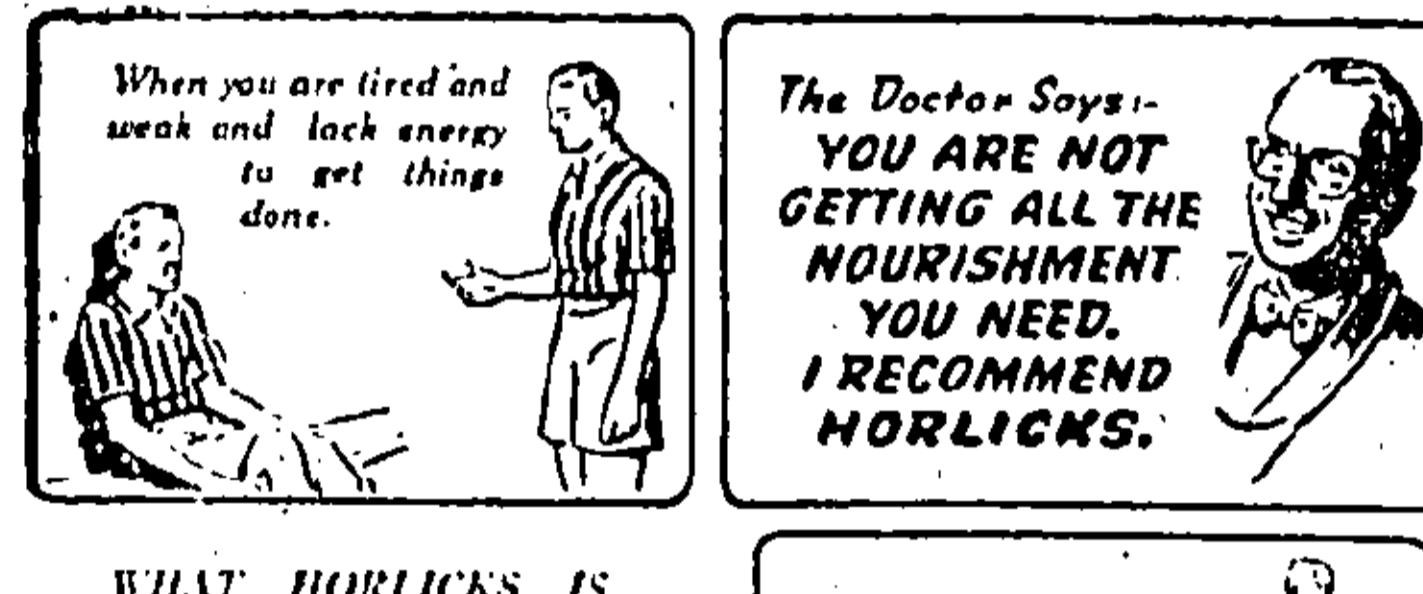
Amitting being the keeper of an opium den, Lo Foo, 53, was fined \$500 or four months and another smoker was fined \$20 or two days by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. An eviction order was made.

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Every doctor will tell you that when the food we eat fails to provide the full nourishment our bodies need, our energy flags and we become tired and listless. Now that basic foods are scarce, it is more than ever necessary to secure the right type of nourishment to cover all your nutritional needs.

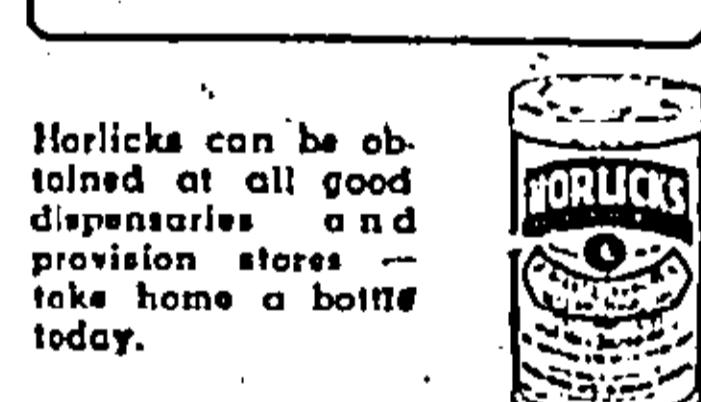
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Palmer Sentence Confirmed

Notice Of Appeal Given By Counsel

The sentence of one year's hard labour for fraudulent conversion of \$7,000 and \$614.45, funds of CNRRA CWT, passed on Alfred Brian Palmer by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon on June 14 was confirmed by His Worship yesterday when he dismissed the defence application for a review.

After Mr. Blair-Kerr had delivered his decision, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (instructed by Mr. F. Zimmern), made a further plea for a reduction of sentence, in the course of which he commented: "Any sentence passed on a European in the East finishes him so far as his future prospects are concerned."

Palmer's sentence, pleaded defence counsel, does not start in Stanley but rather when he comes out. His Worship, submitted Mr. d'Almada, had been in the East sufficiently long to realise that any punishment imposed on a European in the East does not really lie in Stanley but in the future.

There was no pecuniary loss to CNRRA as the result of Palmer's action as CNRRA Waterways have recovered \$7,000 from MELCO, and the \$614.45 still in the possession of Palmer would be returned, said defence counsel.

"I wonder whether, in passing the original sentence, the Court has given sufficient weight to Palmer's record not only in the Navy but also in Shanghai, and to the testimony of Mr. Jones," said Mr. d'Almada.

Such As To Tempt

"Conditions in CNRRA Waterways were such as to tempt anyone placed in like circumstances," said defence counsel, who went on to state that the object of punishment was to act as a deterrent a lighter sentence than one year would meet all the circumstances of the case.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel (who, in the original trial, prosecuted, assisted by DSI W. J. Wall), stated that if the Court did take all the facts into account in the previous sentence, it would have recorded Palmer's war services to his country, good character, and CNRRA's laxity of control.

On the other hand, said Crown Counsel, it would have noted that accused was in a position of trust and was relatively well paid. Palmer, said Mr. Lonsdale, held a position of trust in an organisation which was virtually a charitable organisation.

If all these facts had been taken into consideration, submitted Crown Counsel, the Court had no reason to alter their original sentence in any way.

Court Decision

In giving his decision, His Worship said:

"I have reviewed the evidence of this case in the light of the submissions of Counsel, and the additional evidence.

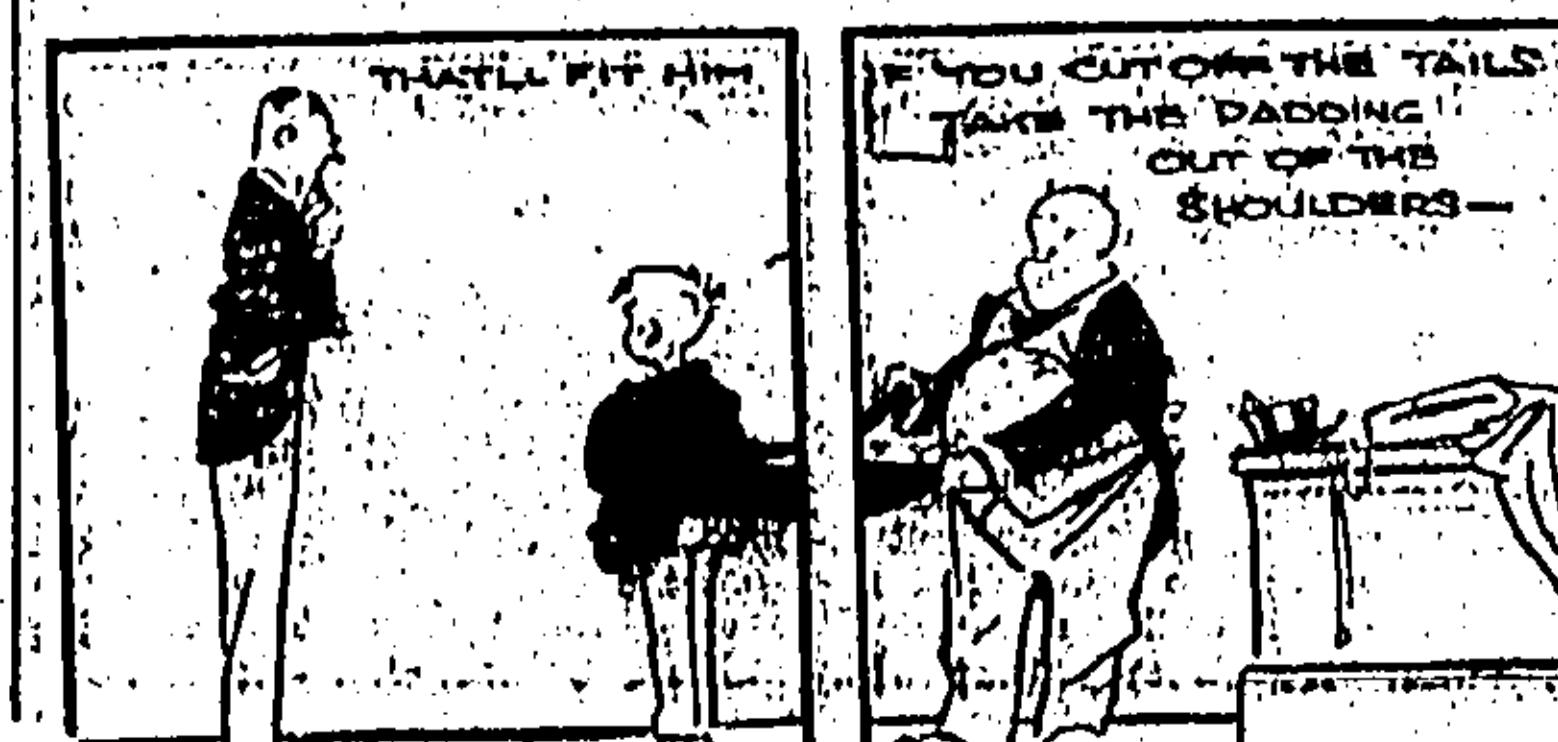
"I find I am unable to alter the findings in any way, and this application, so far as finding is concerned, must therefore be dismissed.

"In coming to this conclusion I have carefully borne in mind all the defence counsel has said relating to the evidence and the weight, in his submission, to be attached to it, and also what I might be permitted to call his rather unusual statement from the Bar—that he, personally, had a passionate belief in his client's innocence.

"I do not propose to comment on this statement except to say that, made, as it was, by counsel of such eminence and ability, it undoubtedly made me even more careful in reviewing the case. I am sorry that my conscience does not allow me to share his view.

"I also do not think it fair to the applicant that I should start 'polishing-up' my original judgment in the light of any subsequent criticism of it. And, in the event of the case going before a higher tribunal, I prefer to leave it as it is, written, as it was, immediately after seeing and hearing the witnesses some four and a half weeks ago."

Passengers leaving Hong Kong for Transjordan are no longer required to possess certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

POP

Opium Brought In By Air

Cheung Lam-tong, 25, merchant, 277 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, was fined \$2,000 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to the possession of 20 inches of raw opium at Kai Tak on July 15.

Prosecuting, RO Carroll said defendant arrived by a CNAC plane from Canton. During a routine search the opium was found concealed between accused's legs.

Questioned, Cheung said that he brought the drug to Hong Kong to give to a friend, and that he was paid CN\$30,000 for the job.

"I did not know it is an offence in Hong Kong to do such things. My friend told me to carry the opium between my legs," concluded accused.

RAF Officers In Ferry Incident

Three Flying Officers, J.M.T. Hewitt, J. E. Ward, and J. MacDonald, were discharged with a "severe caution" when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday accused of evading payment of proper fare at 12.25 a.m. on July 16 on the "Northern Star," and failing to give their proper names and addresses.

Defendants pleaded not guilty to both charges.

In evidence, Hewitt stated that they saw the ferry about to come from Kowloon and, thinking it was the last ferry from Hong Kong, ran to catch it.

On the wharf, he said, F/O McDonald paid 30 cents and went in by the turnstile while he and Ward entered by the "Season ticket" entrance. Just before the ferry tied up to the pier, continued Hewitt, Inspector Rothwell went up to them and said that they had not paid their fare.

When Inspector Rothwell asked them to return and pay again, said Hewitt, they disagreed and "had a short exchange of conversation." Rothwell then returned, continued Hewitt, but returned shortly before the gate was opened. Ward then said that apparently there was some mistake and handed 30 cents to Inspector Rothwell.

On the boat, Inspector Rothwell asked them for their names and addresses. Under the impression that there was an R.A.F. regulation forbidding them to divulge their names and addresses to anyone excepting Military and Civil Police, and officers, they refused to do so. At the Police Station, they furnished full details about themselves, concluded Hewitt.

In reply to Inspector J. Orem, Hewitt said that MacDonald paid the 30 cents the second time in order to save trouble.

His Worship told defendants that it would have saved them a lot of trouble if they had gone back to the turnstile and paid their fare.

Charged at the instance of Ferry Inspector Harlow, a 20-year-old sailor, To Slim, 37 Peking Road, second floor, was fined \$10 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for using a monthly ticket belonging to her father at 5 p.m. on July 15.

Personalia

P.A.L. departures for Shanghai yesterday included: Mr. J. B. E. R. Egall, Mr. P. H. Lissner, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pirola and four children, Mr. V. O. Remedios, Mr. R. D. Barrett, Mr. D. Drake, Mr. W. T. Li, Mr. K. H. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. K. Sheenakrum, Mr. D. S. Panday, Mr. A. N. Krishna, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Assomull, Miss S. M. Topandas, Mrs. Ah Pat, Mr. K. R. Sakhrani.

The following left by P.A.L. yesterday for Oakland: Mr. T. G. Shaw, Mr. L. Spoel, Mr. D. Crispino.

Mr. J. G. Conklin, magistrate, who arrived in the Colony recently took his seat for the first time yesterday at the Central Magistracy.

Money Market

Gold fluctuated yesterday between \$331.50 and \$337 a tael. Opening at \$324, it climbed to \$337. From there it started to drop till it touched \$331.50 when it rallied and closed at \$332.50.

There was a further rise in Piastras. Opening at \$11.55 a lira, it went up to \$11.75. It then fell to \$11.47 but recovered and closed at \$11.50.

Chinese National Currency opened at 11.77 cents for futures and 14 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000), and closed at 11.77 cents and 14.4 cents respectively. U.S. dollars eased off to \$4.29. Sterling also dropped to \$13.15. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.50.

A third class female passenger, about 40, jumped off the ferry "Man To" at about 1 p.m. yesterday, but was rescued by a passenger who jumped into the water after her.

"I also do not think it fair to the applicant that I should start 'polishing-up' my original judgment in the light of any subsequent criticism of it. And, in the event of the case going before a higher tribunal, I prefer to leave it as it is, written, as it was, immediately after seeing and hearing the witnesses some four and a half weeks ago."

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COLONY'S CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures for the months of April, May and June were given by Police Commissioner Macintosh at a Press Conference yesterday.

Defendant, in the witness box, related how his relative would like to have his share of the inheritance which was to accrue at the end of this year and of some people received him because he had received recommendations from European firms and also from banks.

He had been in the Sanitary Department since 1940 and he had been prosecutor in many cases before the court.

He contended, in connection with the present charge, that the complainant had insisted that he should accept the money, but each and every time he had refused.

Previous to this alleged offence, he had never before been offered a bribe. He said that apart from his monthly pay he had a fairly good private income and had no reason to accept bribes.

In reply to a question as to the teaching of English at the Police Training School, the Police Commissioner said there was an advanced class with a present attendance of about 50, and another for those with only a rudimentary knowledge, which has on its roll about 120. Recruits eligible for either class are ordered to attend; and those qualifying get some allowance in addition to their pay. English-speaking policemen are distinguished by a red tab on their shoulder.

Questioned about the hawker problem, Mr. Macintosh said until recently, hawkers could ply their trade without causing congestion or obstruction to traffic, there was no solution.

K.C.C. PARTY

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded of the cocktail party and social evening arranged for next Saturday evening.

A varied programme of entertainment has been drawn up, including light music, dancing and games. Everything will be informal and it is hoped members will give the function their fullest support.

Charged at the instance of Ferry Inspector Harlow, a 20-year-old sailor, To Slim, 37 Peking Road, second floor, was fined \$10 by Mr. Latimer for using a monthly ticket belonging to her father at 5 p.m. on July 15.

Sanitary Department Gaoled

DSI J. Johnston revealed, during the hearing of a case in which a driver and four coolies employed by the Sanitary Department were charged with conspiring to obtain \$10 monthly from Tsang Wal, that the driver was paid \$80 per month plus rehabilitation and HCL allowances, while the coolies' emoluments were \$12 per month with \$103 allowances.

Cau Tung, 32, driver, Leung Ming, 26, Fung Tak, 25, Tsz Ho, 22, and Kwu Sing, 30, coolies, were sentenced to four months hard labour each on conviction by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, on the charge of conspiring to obtain \$10 monthly from Tsang Wal, that the driver was paid \$80 per month plus rehabilitation and HCL allowances, while the coolies' emoluments were \$12 per month with \$103 allowances.

All defendants, said DSI Johnston, in answer to the charge, admitted having received \$10 every month for the past four months.

Fault Finding

The way they worked the thing, said DSI Johnston, appeared to be to find fault with the garbage, either too much or some other excuse, and leave it behind unless money was paid to them.

Mr. Macey of the Health Department declared: "We know it is always going on but it has been very difficult to catch them. My Department feels very strongly about our men refusing to take garbage unless they are paid for doing it. We are very keen to put a stop to it, and would like Your Worship to make an example of these men."

In reply to His Worship, Mr. Macey stated that the first accused was drawing \$80 per month with allowances which, in June, made his income \$183. He was a postwar employee.

First accused pleaded that the \$10 was given to him by second defendant as repayment of a loan of \$20. Leung stated that the money was paid to him voluntarily by the complainant and that he had never asked for it.

All the accused, said DSI Johnston, had a clear record in the Sanitary Department. Fifth defendant was a postwar employee, having joined the service in 1938.

Health Inspector Denies Bribe Charge

Further hearing of the case against Kwok Hon Ming, 31, Health Inspector, charged on four counts of accepting and demanding a bribe of \$50 was adjourned to July 21, when the accused appeared before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

Defendant, in the witness box,

related how his relative would like to have his share of the inheritance which was to accrue at the end of this year and of some people received him because he had received recommendations from European firms and also from banks.

He had been in the Sanitary Department since 1940 and he had been prosecutor in many cases before the court.

As a result of the recent heavy rains, many pools have formed in unusual places, and co-operation is sought in discovering and clearing them before they can become a nuisance.

Persons in charge of property are advised to see that all drains, gutters and gully-traps are kept clear and in good repair and that all bottles, tins, or other receptacles capable of collecting water are either removed, destroyed or carefully covered so as to prevent accumulation of water.

Canton Rail Disaster

Canton, July 16.

While railway authorities claimed only 21 were killed and 56 hurt in the train-wreck north of Yingtze on July 10, it is feared the casualty list is greater.

It develops now that the authorities are unable to tell how many passengers were aboard the train bound from Kukong to Canton, of which the engine and 10 cars plunged into the river from a weakened bridge. It is estimated at least 200 passengers were in the 10 coaches and it is believed many were drowned.

At this stage further hearing was adjourned to July 21.

ILLICIT STILL

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on Haw Wing, who pleaded guilty at Central yesterday, to being in possession of an illicit still.

THRASHED BLACK AND BLUE

No Scope For Time Lags

LONDON, JULY 15.—THE WORLD REQUIRES THAT THE TIME LAG BETWEEN DISCOVERY AND APPLICATION MUST BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, TOLD MEMBERS OF THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY AT THEIR CENTENARY LUNCHEON IN LONDON TODAY.

"The quicker the gap can be bridged," he said, "the more rapidly can the army of progress advance, and those nations which are the first to bridge the gaps will become the industrial leaders of the world."

"In truth, there is possibly no manufacturing industry whose products and efficiency cannot be improved with the help of our chemists."

"The challenge to British grit is also a challenge to British chemists."

"It is essential for our welfare that our applied scientists should always be ready to seize the opportunities which the growth of new knowledge offers, and to apply it soundly for the good of the community."—Reuter.

Russian Aid To Satellite Countries

MOSCOW, JULY 15.—Russia is believed to be drafting a plan to give economic aid to Albania, while the Soviet press hints at a gloomy fate for the European nations which accept American assistance.

The presence in Moscow of Hodja of Albania gives rise to speculation that an economic agreement will be announced soon.

Other diplomats from eastern and southern European countries may follow Hodja for economic conferences. Hodja is the second premier to visit Moscow in the last week. Premier Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia arrived on July 9 and worked out an economic and political agreement.—Associated Press.

V.D. RATE UP IN ARMY

London, July 15.—The annual rate of venereal disease per 1,000 troops in the army in Britain has jumped from 11.7 in 1938 to 32.8 in 1946, Mr. F. J. Bellenger, the Secretary for War, told the House of Commons today.

He added that the rate per 1,000 for the British Army of the Rhine last year was 158.6.

The rate for the first quarter of 1947, Mr. Bellenger said, was slightly lower in Britain than the corresponding 1946 quarter at 63 per 1,000.

The Secretary of War said that he was taking all steps to improve the morale of the troops in order to cut the disease incidence rate.—Reuter.

PENICILLIN THEFT

TOKYO, JULY 16.—In one of the biggest cases of penicillin theft uncovered during the occupation, the First Cavalry Division Provost Court today convicted five Japanese and imposed prison terms ranging from six months to two years and fines of 1,000 yen to 3,000 yen.

More than 150 bottles, each containing 200,000 units of penicillin, were stolen from the supply room of the 358th Medical Dispensary in Tokyo by Kochi Odajima, a juvenile employee of the Army, who was sentenced to two years hard labour for theft and possession of penicillin.—United Press.

TOKYO, JULY 16.—Mr. William C. Bullitt, former American Ambassador to Russia and France, arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a brief visit.—Reuter.

Women's Evidence In War Crimes Trial

Mrs. M. E. Silva Dorabojee, who testified before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday at the resumed hearing of the War Crimes trial of four Japanese Gendarmes, told the Court that on one occasion she was manhandled and thrashed by a Gendarme until she was "black and blue with bruises."

Miss Nancy Yip, another witness, declared that she was stripped naked and given the water torture after a stone had been placed on her chest.

The four Gendarmes, Capt. Usibayama Yukio, Sgt. Major Ishiyama Kakuei, Sgt. Major Morino Sakuzo and Sgt. Major Matsuyama Hiroshi are charged with the ill-treatment of civilians in custody at the Western Gendarmerie Headquarters (Central Police Station), causing death to some and physical suffering to others.

"The quicker the gap can be bridged," he said, "the more rapidly can the army of progress advance, and those nations which are the first to bridge the gaps will become the industrial leaders of the world."

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Russian Aid To Satellite Countries

MOSCOW, JULY 15.—Russia is believed to be drafting a plan to give economic aid to Albania, while the Soviet press hints at a gloomy fate for the European nations which accept American assistance.

The presence in Moscow of Hodja of Albania gives rise to speculation that an economic agreement will be announced soon.

Other diplomats from eastern and southern European countries may follow Hodja for economic conferences. Hodja is the second premier to visit Moscow in the last week. Premier Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia arrived on July 9 and worked out an economic and political agreement.—Associated Press.

A Japanese named Ichi heard the conversation. He came to her cell with a leather covered cane, caught her by the throat and threw her to the ground. He then proceeded to kick her in the stomach, after which he dragged her to the top of the stairs.

She was so badly beaten that she was black and blue with bruises and her face covered with blood.

She was later assisted to her cell by two Japanese guards.

When she asked to be released, she was accused of being a spy.

Heart Trouble

As a result of the treatment she received, she contracted beri beri and heart disease. The rice which she received was mixed with sand and for several days she was unable to eat anything.

Mrs. Dorabojee said that when she asked for medical attention, a Japanese in uniform came to see her and gave her some pills. After taking these pills, she felt worse than before.

Mrs. Dorabojee said that she frequently saw fellow prisoners being taken out for interrogation and later heard them screaming. When they came back, they told her they had been given the water torture.

Mrs. Dorabojee also testified regarding the death of Lieut. Shrigley, whom she saw for some ten or fifteen days in June.

Ng Kan told the Court that he was arrested and taken to Central Police Station on June 8, 1944. On the day following his arrest, he was interrogated and beaten with a leather belt by an unidentified Japanese.

He was also asked to kneel on iron nails thrown about the

A Big Word



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Japanese Reparations Scramble

Washington, July 16.—Allied reparations claims against Japan are two to three times more than the amount of Nixon's assets that may be available.

So far China has demanded 40 per cent. of the total reparations and Australia 30.

The Dutch East Indies and India are believed to be pressing for shares similar to Australia. The Philippines want 15 percent. Claims from other nations remain to be revealed but it is known that Britain, France and others have put in strong demands that they decline to reduce. The United States position also remains to be clarified.

Original reports of the American contribution were that the United States would seek little or no reparations. Later it was said, without official confirmation, that the American share would be the largest, and that it would be passed to needy China, India and the Philippines.—Associated Press.

On other occasions when she was interrogated, she was beaten with a bamboo stick after her clothes had been taken off.

Her hands and feet were tied with a thick rope and she still bore marks caused by being so bound.

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The jeep, continued witness, did not stop but drove on at the same speed. He went after the jeep, looking, while doing so, for Police constable. He found three and took them to the scene of the accident.

In Chi, manager of the Tai Tong Motor Transportation Co., stated in evidence that he was driving his car (2579) along Hennessy Road when he saw jeep No. 45681 coming toward him at high speed. Near Hennessy Road Market, the jeep overtook some cars and, near the junction of Hennessy Road, knocked down a woman and a child.

Describing the chase after the jeep, Mr. Davreux said that he followed up to Great George Street where he found the jeep behind a private car.

Going up to the driver, continued Mr. Davreux, he told him to report the accident, telling accused, at the same time, "You cannot get away with this." Defendant, said witness, became abusive and asked him what it had to do with him. Lawless then told Gillen to go off.

When the occupants of the jeep began to move off, said witness, he followed them to Yee Wo Street where they parked company. He continued to follow the driver who, after he passed East Point Terrace, turned back and joined Gillen. Anticipating that defendant might jump into a tram or bus, witness signalled to a taxi to follow behind. Mr. Davreux added that he noticed a grey car following him, the whole time.

On being approached once more and told by witness to report to the Police, accused used the most obscene language.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mr. Francis Ziminer who was a passenger in Mr. Davreux's car at the time of the incident.

After evidence by Chau Tak, driver of taxi 4447, and evidence of arrest, hearing was adjourned to Friday morning.

Confession Extracted By "Kindness"

"As it was expected that the Allied Forces might attempt a landing at Hong Kong any day after Feb. 1945, it was impressed upon me by my superiors that, from the viewpoint of Japanese strategy, civilians should be treated kindly and without violence," said Sgt. Major Kamada Yasushi in the course of his testimony before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday.

Kamada is charged with the ill-treatment of several Chinese civilians between June and August 1945, causing death to some and much bodily suffering to others.

Kamada denied that there were any instruments of torture which he adopted in regard to Li Wai-lam, Kamada said he had been informed by his superior officer, Yamaguchi, that it was believed that Li Wai-lam was an informer in the service of the Hong Kong Island District Gendarmerie and that the others arrested together with Li were his agents. Orders were therefore issued that the interrogation of Li and the others should be carried out without any violence.

Kamada said that he himself had been a Kempeitai for over eight years and as he was the senior Sergeant Major, he always impressed upon his subordinates the fact that they should not, in the execution of their duty, treat the civilian population roughly. It was strongly emphasized that they should endeavour to treat all civilians as kindly as possible. Kamada maintained that he conducted the interrogation of Li Wai-lam and the others in strict conformity with this principle.

Kind Treatment

Because of his kind treatment of Chang Kwan-woo, the latter was very pleased to make a confession.

Li Wai-lam, Chang Kwan-woo and Ng Wo-shun were treated differently to other detainees and given special rations.

He instructed others to treat Li Wai-lam, Chang Kwan-woo and Ng Wo-shun differently because they were working for the Kempeitai.

Although giving cigarettes was prohibited, Kamada said that when he interrogated Li and the others, he always gave them cigarettes.

Kamada declared he did not know the meaning of water torture and did not know the method employed to carry out this form of torture. He did not recollect having placed lighted cigarette butts inside Li's shirt.

Kurzawa Hideo, called by the defence, said that he knew accused as a gentle and quiet type of person.

Concerning interrogations, it was the motto of the Commandant of the Hong Kong Island District Gendarmerie that gendarmes should "do their duty as gentlemen, with kindness and justice."

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

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EVICTION ORDER

For keeping a brothel at No. 29 Thompson Road, second floor, Chan Yick was fined \$250 or one month by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant admitted being the principal tenant and produced the rent receipt. The magistrate issued an eviction order.

BY EDGAR MARTIN

Shanghai, July 16.—A Sino-Russian trade agreement, under which the Central Trust of China will send barter goods worth US\$10,000,000 to Soviet Russia during 1947, will be signed as soon as it is approved by the Executive Yuan; Mr. F. M. Lo, assistant manager of the Trust, told reporters today.

The proceeds of the goods which will consist principally of tea, tung oil, wolfram, and antimony will be used towards liquidating the nation's debts to Russia incurred during the war, Mr. Lo added.—Reuter.

BROKER REMANDED

Lui Chun Hong, 21, broker of No. 148 Queen's Road West, first floor, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, when charged with journey of a bicycle from 935 Hennessy Road, ground floor, and escaping from lawful custody at Sheung Shui.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY 27th July to SATURDAY 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager

Hong Kong, 8th July, 1947.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of John Archibald Temple Plummer of Byways Beacons Avenue Ferndown in the County of Dorset, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 11th day of August 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

URBAN COUNCIL
Hong Kong, 9th July 1947.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Alexander Ivanovich Efronoff, of 27 Kimberley Road, ground floor, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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SLAP HAPPY'S APPEAL DISMISSED

Long Judgment By Full Court Upholds Trial Judge Wants To Make Further Appeal

French Funds Released

Shanghai, July 16.
Following repeated deman-

strations by members of the former French Municipal Council, the Acting French Consul General, Mr. G. van Laetem, is reported to have promised to unfreeze US\$200,000 from several foreign banks to pay off the men.

The sum, which was deposited in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Chase Bank and the National City Bank of New York, were seized by France at the outbreak of the war.

While other French Municipal Council assets were turned over to the City Government with the retrocession of the former French Concession, this sum had not been included, it was revealed by S.M.G. officials yesterday.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S M. M.

Washington, July 14.

The French Government gave the Medaille Militaire—highest French military honour—posthumously to the late President Roosevelt in an Embassy ceremony attended by President Truman and others.

The French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, presented the award to President Roosevelt's widow, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, United Press.

Iron Fist In The Iron Glove?

Budapest, July 14.

Matyas Rakosi, Communist Vice-Premier, warned in a weekend speech that if Dezsö Sulyok's Rightist "Freedom Party" tried to harm the laws of Hungarian democracy, "we will beat them down with an iron fist."

Ten Year Plan For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, July 16.

The Malayan Union Government is considering a 10-year economic development plan for Malaya, which may cost \$800,000,000, (about £70,000,000), it is learned here.

The Union Government's Economic Development Committee, appointed at the end of last year, has already gathered some 40 development schemes from heads of various departments, and these are now being examined in detail to map out a practical programme.

Financing of the overall economic development plan would come, where it applies, from the Colonial Welfare Development allocation for Malaya (Malayan Union and Singapore), which amounts to £50,000,000, and also from other sources such as revenue surpluses and also public loans whether raised locally or in London.—Reuter.

Sofia, July 15.
Government officials reported today that they had uncovered a spy ring working for the Greek police in the Smolyan region, near the Greek frontier.—United Press.

accused. The jury on the proper direction could not possibly have come to any other conclusion than that the intent with which appellant did the acts was to assist Japan in the conduct of the war against this country.

The decision of the Court is therefore that both grounds of appeal fail. The conviction is upheld and the appeal dismissed.

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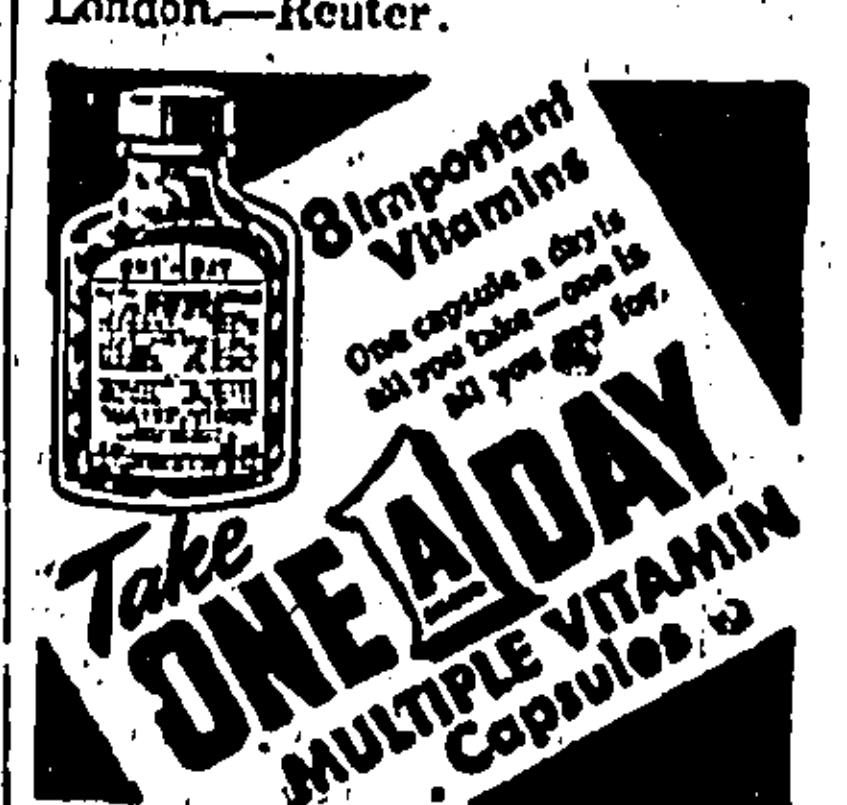
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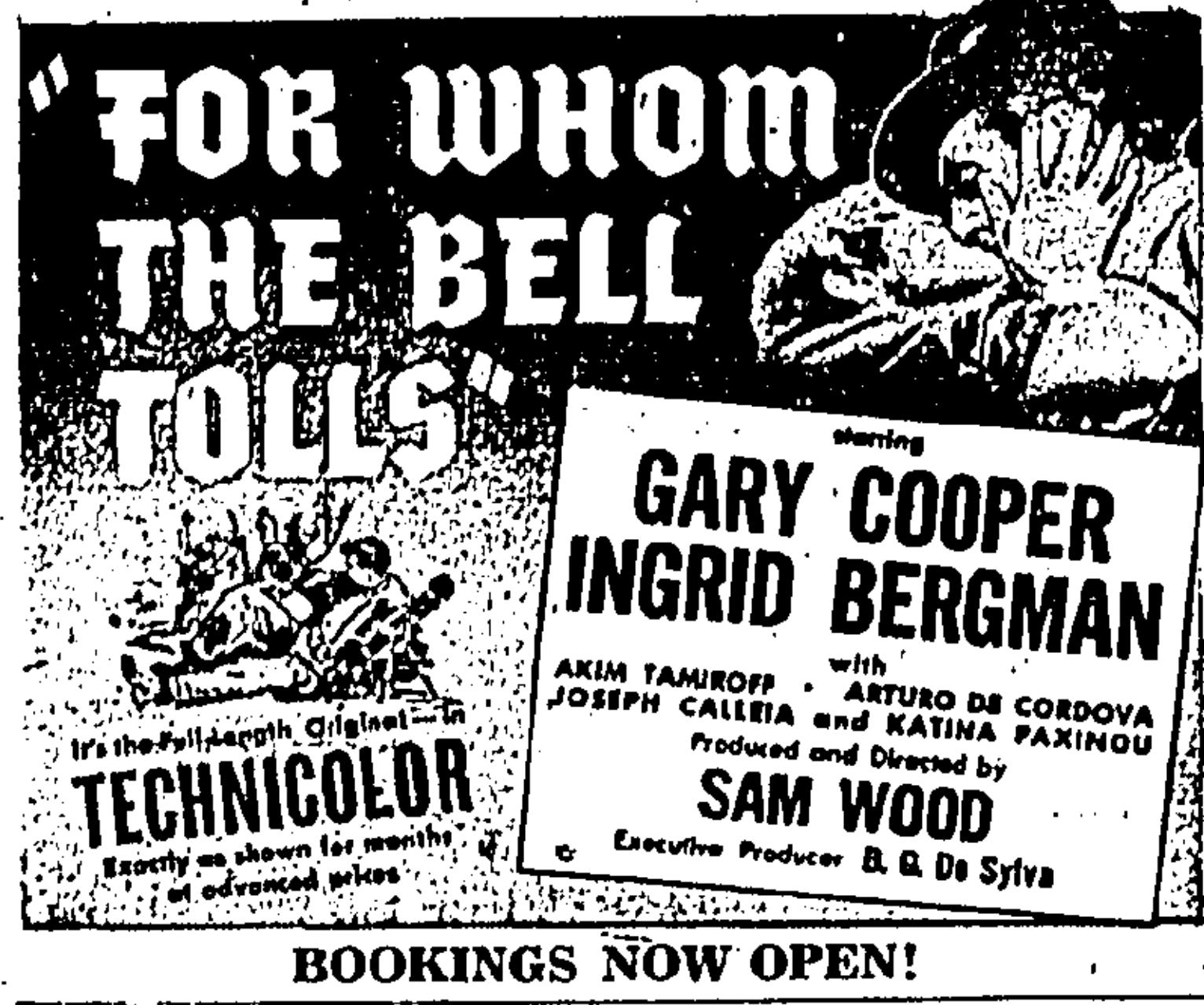


In passing, it is to be observed that if a person possesses dual nationality, as appellant may have done, it does not mean that he owes any the less allegiance to this country than a person who is only a British subject. Dual nationality is not half one nationality and half another but two complete nationalities so far as our law is concerned as the following extract from the well-known authority McNair (Legal Effects of War, 2nd edition p.24 shows):

"We may introduce serious complications into the question of dual nationality. (1) Either of the States whose national he has called him to perform military or other service, even against the other, though it might have sometimes mercifully assigned non-combatant duties to a person holding both British and enemy nationality; if such a

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INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

Bill Given Enthusiastic Third Reading In House

Practising As Well As Preaching

London, July 15. Members of all parties in the House of Commons today joined Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and a member of the Cabinet Mission to India, in wishing success and pledging future assistance to the Dominions of India and Pakistan, which will come into existence on August 15.

Introducing for the third reading the Indian Independence Bill, which was first presented to Parliament less than a week ago, Sir Stafford Cripps declared that it would do more to create "a real and living friendship with India than any other action which this country has ever taken."

He was strongly supported by Mr. R. A. Butler, Conservative member, when he declared that giving independence to India, Britain was establishing her "honesty of democratic purpose."

Mr. Butler in his turn emphasised that with this move Britain was showing she was practising as well as preaching the principle of self-government.

Sir Stafford Cripps made it clear that the British Government did not consider its job done merely with the passage of this bill.

Sir Stafford said "that the two dominions of India and Pakistan would be an integral part of the British Commonwealth, Britain was bound to further their progress and prosperity."

FUTURE OF STATES

Mr. Butler expressed concern about the future of the princely states. He suggested that the Government had been "nervous of the Balkanisation of India" and had been nervous of giving too much chance to the States to become independent.

If any state or states did choose independence, he said, he hoped the Government would handle them with sympathy and understanding.

"We are entering on a fourth crisis of the Empire," Mr. Butler said. There was hope for the eventual conception of a greater whole to unite the two dominions.

After three and three quarters of an hour of debate, the House of Commons tonight gave its third reading of the Indian Independence Bill without division.

FEDERATION HOPE

The Prime Minister, winding up a discussion in which goodwill to India was the dominant note on all sides of the House, was cheered as he declared that the Indians could count on "the utmost sympathy and help from Britain without the slightest degree of patronage."

He was hopeful that partition would result in a federation in which the parts would have full scope of independence.

Earl Winterton, Conservative member who spent seven years in the India Office, winding up for the Opposition, pleaded for friendship between the two Indian dominions and Britain.

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Transport Nationalisation Bill Passed

London, July 16. The House of Lords yesterday passed the Labour government's inland transport nationalisation bill but sent it back to the Commons with a dozen amendments passed over the government's protests.

Approval came on the third reading of the bill which will bring Britain's railways, bus lines and long transport contractors under government ownership by next January.

Conservative peers outvoted the small Labour group 12 times on various amendments during their two months' consideration of the measure.

Parliamentary observers anticipated another Commons battle when the House considers the amendments. — Associated Press.

India's Offer To Gen. Slim

New Delhi, July 15. The Indian Government has invited General Sir William Joseph Slim, former commander of the 14th Army, to be the Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the new Dominion of India.

It was also learned unofficially that Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Messervy, General Officer Commanding the Northern Command, India, will be the first Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan (Moslem) Army. — Reuter.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE BILL CEREMONY

London, July 14. The Indian Independence Bill, which is to create the Dominions of India and Pakistan, will become law on Friday morning. The King is appointing a Royal Commission of three, led by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, to convey his Royal assent to the bill to Parliament.

The Royal Commission will take its place in front of the Woolpack, the Lord Chancellor's normal

ed her independence would be the proudest day in the history of the Commonwealth, and he held to that opinion now. — Reuter.

Last Bid For Pact In Indonesia

Batavia, July 15. Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, the Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, who began discussions here yesterday with the Netherlands Lieutenant Governor General, Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, in what was described as a "last attempt" to achieve an interim federal government for Indonesia will return to Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, tomorrow to consult his Government.

After two days of talk, the remaining problems delaying the formation of the Interim Government were still unresolved.

It was believed that the discussions centred on the Dutch proposal for a joint constabulary to police Republican territory which had been a stumbling block throughout the negotiations.

According to an Indonesian Army communiqué published today and quoted by Antara, the Republican news agency, Indonesian and Dutch troops clashed last week on several Java fronts.

The communiqué reported that there had been fighting Surabaya perimeter, at Surabaya

in the western sector of the Batavia perimeter and off the east coast.

In the Batavia perimeter, the Dutch used tanks.

A 90-minute gun duel between the Dutch naval patrol and shore batteries in which three Indonesians were injured, was reported from Keapang, south of Banyulang, on the east coast of Java.

The Dutch newspaper New

Yorker said today that discussions in Batavia were being influenced by the increasing reports of destruction behind the demarcation line, especially at Bandung and Buitenzorg, in central Java. — Reuter.

Union Call For Production

Hastings, July 15. Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, the world's largest union, today called for a return of many wartime measures, including a limited policy of direction of labour, to lead Britain out of her grave economic crisis.

Addressing more than 700 delegates representing 1,300,000 men at the Union's biennial conference here, Mr. Deakin made these proposals when introducing a resolution which also demanded a progressive reduction of the armed forces.

The resolution was passed by 699 votes to 13, and he was cheered when he said: "There are a great many people who are doing no useful job of work. There are thousands who ought to be in productive industries."

Labour direction, he said, would substantially ease the problems of many undermanned industries.

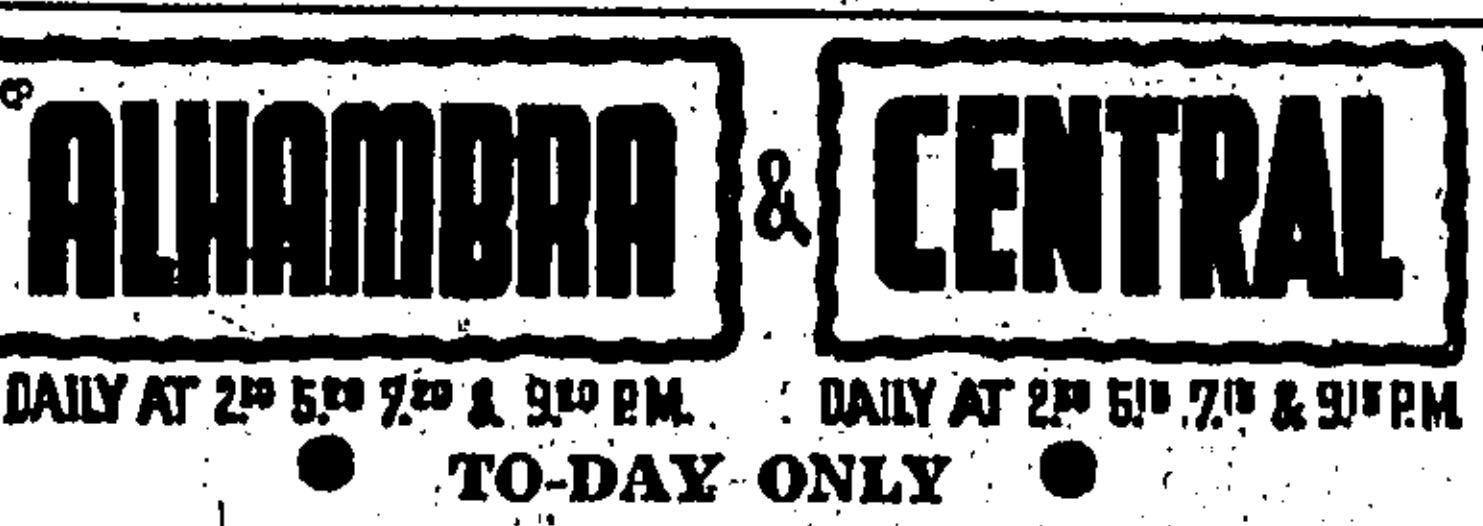
Mr. Deakin asked for a cessation of restrictive trade union practices in industry to achieve a full measure of production in the country and advocated production incentives, including payment by results. — Reuter.



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COINS PLEASE

Government's announcement of an effort to call in the Colony's disgracefully filthy five-cent and ten-cent notes and to replace them by new ones offers no more than a palliative. Within a few weeks the change will be more imaginative than real. The step is nevertheless welcome not so much because of the temporary relief as in the implication that Government has the problem under study and that it is not too much to hope that, sooner or later, metal coins will again be jingling in our pockets. Values today are such that part of the difficulty is to discover a satisfactory metal, capable of being milled and standing up to hard wear, which is not at the same time a temptation to the melter. The difficulty, such as it is, is not insuperable, and it cannot be too strongly urged that in this part of the world, where there is serious liability to epidemics of smallpox and cholera, the authorities should not rest until metal coinage has been restored. It may be recommended, at the same time, that when Government is making up its programme of the denominations and quantities to be ordered, consideration be given to the importation of large quantities of 20-cent pieces. Whether we approve or not, the 20-cent coin has superseded the 10-cent coin in convenience. Ferry service, tramway fares and newspapers cost 20 cents against half that sum or less before the war; and there appears to be no prospect of any reversion to the 10-cent standard within foreseeable time. On the basis that coinage break-downs should be designed expressly to simplify the processes of exchange, the case for the 20-cent coin is clear. But it must be a coin. A 20-cent note would merely add confusion to what already sufficiently trying.

Both corporations are concerned with Atlantic routes—one between London and New York, the other between West Africa and Brazil or between the Azores and Bermuda. These mean long non-stop flights. With gas turbines payloads on such flights might be about one-sixth less than with piston en-

Britain's Courageous Air Development Policy

By E. Colston Shepherd

Some months ago it was hinted that Britain's policy in relation to commercial aircraft would probably mean she should take two steps forward in one and that by 1950 or soon afterwards she should be ahead of her competitors. The recent announcement that DH106 jet-driven airliners had been ordered "off the drawing board" is certainly not a confirmation of that prophecy but it is proof of the intention to try to leap

gains. Is Britain prepared to make the sacrifice for the sake of prestige? Or can she see the prospect of making speed

Capacity Load

Argument to support the latter view could be put forward. Speed of the order announced in the DR106 might conceivably pay without charging extra for express services if it meant these liners were full to capacity on every voyage. Today a liner which takes 10 hours to cross the ocean often has 40 per cent. of its capacity empty except in the summer. A liner which made the crossing in less than half that time might attract traffic.

That is perhaps the fairest estimate reason why Britain has been courageous in her policy concerning the jet air-liner. Having gained the lead in development of the gas turbine and acquired a lot of experience in operating jet-driven aircraft, Britain would have been foolish not to try to turn her advantage to the commercial as well as military account. The next four years will show whether or not her courage is to be rewarded.

Similar readiness to take a long step forward is seen in the big land aircraft of more than 250,000 lbs. loaded weight being built by the Bristol Com-

pany. By all established rules of aircraft development Britain ought not to have embarked on construction of anything so big. She ought to have moved up to big land aircraft in two, even three stages. She should have set herself first to build a liner of 100,000 lbs. One of the reproaches offered by critics at home is that the Government did not order aircraft of that class.

Must Make Do

Consequence of that omission is that Britain has no liner in use or in sight which corresponds with the two types of American aircraft now serving on the main routes. If Britain had set about designing aircraft of the same category in 1943 she would have had them about ready for use next year. Instead she will have to make do with what she has for further two years and then she will have provided herself with something in advance of those models in size if not in performance.

What in the meantime may

have emerged from United States factories cannot be precisely foretold but the lack of orders for new types is causing some embarrassment to American constructors. The situation, indeed, is exactly the reverse of that in Britain. United States designers have borne the extremely heavy cost of developing prototypes and cannot yet see the prospect of recovering their outlay through sales to operators. Britain's constructors have been commissioned by the Government to go ahead. They are relieved of financial anxiety and trusted under Government supervision to deliver the goods.

Again we have no guarantee the method will yield the desired results but before the war the method worked well in relation to two out of the three heavy bombers chosen for the Royal Air Force. Both the Lancaster and Halifax were ordered off the drawing board.

The system is applied to smaller types of commercial aircraft. The bigger version of the Viking, to be known as the Viceroy, is being developed for British European Airways. This will use gas-turbines driving propellers. As soon as the details are settled the order will be placed. For feeder lines and for some smaller services in Europe 50 Marathon four-engined liners have been ordered. There will also be orders shortly for new medium range aircraft of large capacity.

In the main these new liners will be delivered between 1949 and 1951. With them will have arrived the great new Saunders Roe flying boats of the same capacity as the big land aircraft. In the interval we may yet see the Tudors come into their own. Both types have been modified and there are grounds for hope they will now suit certain operators. British South American Airways in particular is counting on them.

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Death Throes Of A Dying Currency?

Shanghai, July 16.

The spectre of the gravest climb in prices yet experienced in inflation-plagued China confronts wage-earners throughout China today.

They fear that they are about to witness, as unwilling but

powerless spectators, the death throes of a dying currency.

Here are a few of the factors which have contributed to give them this fear:

From July 1, utility charges which were hitherto kept down by government subsidies, will be

WHAT THEN?

It is the thesis of John Fischer, in Harper's Magazine, that the Russians are either scared of being attacked or planning to attack, and he puts emphasis on "scared." Heads of the Politburo are scared because police-state rulers normally are scared about their tenure. The Russian masses are scared of invasion. Furthermore, says Mr. Fischer, Russians are scared by their cast-iron Marxist logic regarding American capitalism. No amount of argument will shake their doctrinaire belief that American capitalism will produce a major depression in the next 15 years, that this will produce fascism, and that this will produce war. Russians, says Mr. Fischer, are impervious to verbal argument on this score. But when Marxist dogma runs into an incontrovertible fact, the dogma gives way. Thus, if there isn't a depression in the next 15 years, the Russians might change their tune. Facts will speak louder than words.

From all this, it can be argued that one way to preserve international peace in the world is to prevent that depression which the Russians believe will lead to war; that, in short, anybody who helps to make world economy run smoothly is, in a very special and specific sense, helping to preserve world peace. That argument applies equally to the widely held opposite thesis that Russia is hoping for a major depression in the United States, with the consequent weakening of American economic and political power abroad paving the way for further Russian expansion and influence. Thus a healthy American economy and wise trade policy are considered imperative checks to the spread of Communism. At Geneva, today, Mr. Clayton is trying to work out with other nations a reduction in trade barriers that will stimulate international commerce and promote production prosperity and it is hoped, peace. On paper this seems fine. Few people will disagree with the theoretical objective. It is symbolic of intelligent advance planning, the application of which might help to prevent

catastrophic slumps, foreign or domestic. But while the plan is all right on paper, its implementation is not quite so easy. The wool tariff, just vetoed, is indicative of the danger. No-one is yet certain whether Mr. Clayton will obtain the backing of Congress. With the single wartime exception of 1943, and starting from 1944, Republicans in House and Senate cast their votes against the Hull low tariff programme and every one of its three-year extensions. Now Republicans control Congress again for the first time in 15 years. After November, there may well be a Republican President. What happens then?

The employee of private concern gets a better break when he concerns him—when he works for can afford it. He is paid on a controlled "cost of living" index, which means that his standard of living merely goes down 30 per cent. or so each month, whereas government workers' pay has now been reduced to what is enough for three meals a day to himself. Along with nothing left for savings, he is faced with

Only Rumours

There are rumours that banknotes of a denomination five times higher than the highest presently in circulation will be issued. In denying this rumour, Chen Yee-cho, deputy director of the Central Bank of China, stated that 500 cases of banknotes, which have just arrived from England and do not contain \$60,000 bills, as rumoured, but \$2,000 bills. On the same day, July 8, the automobile licensing department of the Shanghai police refused to accept \$2,000 bills in payment of auto licences, as they were too low in denomination. The department wanted bills of \$5000 or \$10,000 (the latter the highest presently in circulation).

The man-in-the-street found it hard to swallow Chen Yee-cho's statement that the government is bringing in notes of denomination which one of its civil departments is already rejecting.

The issuance of notes of higher denomination in China are invariably followed by proportionate price increases. Shopkeepers are quick to seize upon the highest bill in circulation as the unit upon which to fix their prices. Should a \$60,000 bill really be issued, wage earners fear it will only be a short while before prices are increased by five-fold. Should the government not issue a \$50,000 bill, the situation may well become what it once was like during the Japanese occupation—the bills in circulation were of such low denomination that there was not enough cash going around. Towards the end of the war, when you wrote a check, the bank did not say cash, it gave their own check, demanding that you have that in your account. This "bank check" then became a negotiable instrument, in place of banknotes with one disadvantage—it became subject to a discount of from 10 to 40 per cent. when you tried to convert it into cash. Conceivably, that might happen again now.

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EUROPE'S 4-YEAR PLAN

Committee Of Sixteen Set Up In Paris

Swift Agreement On All Points

Paris, July 15. The 16 non-Soviet-controlled European nations today completed the first stage in the joint recovery programme under the Marshall Plan. Meeting for the third and final plenary session at the French Foreign Office, delegates of all Europe outside the Soviet zone of influence approved unanimously a joint planning organization.

The new 16-nation body will be known as the "Committee for European Economic Cooperation." It will consist of a main Committee on which all 16 nations are represented, a small executive committee headed by Great Britain with France, Italy, the Netherlands and Norway as additional members, and four technical committees on fuel, and agriculture, power, iron and steel and transport.

The committees will start installing themselves tomorrow in the Grand Palais, which will be their headquarters for the next six weeks.

Their assignment is to draw up a report:

1. On the development of production of major European industries which may result from increased efforts by individual countries and by stepping up international trade.

2. On requirements in essential commodities which can only be obtained from abroad, specifically from the Western Hemisphere.

Four-Year Plan

The report will in effect be a four-year recovery blueprint. At the insistence of the smaller powers, the door will continue to remain open to Soviet Russia and the eight satellites who boycotted the conference under Soviet pressure.

Despite the atmosphere of unanimity which made this conference unique in recent diplomatic history, delegates were aware that the first stage just completed was by far the easiest and that the period of actual planning would prove far more complicated.

It was expected, however, to be simplified to some extent by the development of subsidiary blocs of small European nations, which will each work on committees as single economic units.

These are the so-called "BeneLux" group of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, the Scandinavian bloc of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the Eastern bloc of Greece and Turkey.

Although it was generally agreed that major political and economic issues regarding Germany would not be touched, diplomats here believed German economy could not help causing difficulties in the drawing up of a general relief plan. Chief of these difficulties will be that Britain, in full agreement with the United States, is anxious to step up Ruhr coal, iron and steel production, whereas France still is adamantly set against any move that would raise the level of German industry above what was agreed on at Potsdam.

The full conference is scheduled to meet again about August 30 to approve the draft plan of the

BUCHAREST

Bucharest, July 16. Over 100 members of the Opposition in Rumania have been arrested in Bucharest and the provinces in the last 24 hours, it was learned here tonight.

Those arrested are reported to have been largely members of the National Peasant Party, including the President, Dr. Julius Maniu, who is being allowed no contact with the outside world.—Reuter.

Blunt Speaking On Korea

Seoul, July 15. Major General Albert E. Brown, the United States Chief Commissioner in Korea, said here today that the first issue in the joint Soviet-American talks over a provisional government for Korea was "whether one nation may unilaterally exercise veto power and exclude from consultation any party or social organization of which it disapproves."

He was commenting on the discussion which has blocked progress in the talks since July 2.

"The Soviet delegation wishes to exercise such a power of veto," General Brown said.

"The United States delegation has many times offered to review systematically the whole list of Korean applicants and to consider any and all objections put forward by either delegation. The Soviet delegation has repeatedly refused such proposals."

The 43rd meeting of the Commission tomorrow will continue the discussion of these two issues with little hope of success. General Brown's statement was expected to widen the American-Soviet breach.

Colonel General V. F. Shilov, chief of the Soviet delegation, may issue a reply tomorrow.—Reuter.

New Powers For Military Governor

Berlin, July 15. General Lucius Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, was told in new instructions from Washington, published in Berlin today, that he was being given "vast powers" and must try to achieve economic unity with the other zones.

"Until such times as practical measures are decided upon for the treatment of Germany as one economic and political unit, you will have to direct all efforts towards achieving economic unity with the other occupation zones," one directive stated.

With regard to the extent of power vested in General Clay's Military Government, it was stated:

"Your powers as Military Governor will be vast and will entitle you to take—in accordance with a central German government with defined limited power will suit best the constructive development of German political life."

"All power with which the central government is vested would be transferred" to the states.

"The Government of the United States everywhere in the world is just and permanent peace. Such peace can only be established if there is public order and well-being in the whole of Europe."

"A properly organised and happy Europe needs the economic and productive Germany as much as the necessary restrictions guaranteeing that Germany is in no position to revive her destructive militarism."

"As an urgent positive programme, the United States Government strives for the creation of such political, economical and moral conditions in Germany as will contribute most effectively to a well-established and happy Europe."

Aim Of Policy

"There must be no slackening off in the completion of the de-militarisation and disarmament of Germany and in upholding such a state of de-militarisation and disarmament."

"The aim of United States permanent policy for Germany is to see the rise, as soon as possible, of some form of political organisation and some kind of political life which, based on economic well-being, would lead to peaceful calm in

Princess To Have Big Wedding

London, July 15.

There now seems little doubt that the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten in Westminster Abbey, probably this October, will be the most glittering Royal event since the coronation of Elizabeth's parents.

Private polls by Palace sources emphasized what the "Daily Express" publicly reported—the people are tired of drabness and are ready for the ceremonial splurges that used to mark all big Royal and Parliamentary events.

In this connection it is being rumoured that the King may even open Parliament this October in full State regalia and wearing his diamond-encrusted crown for the first time since the war.

In this case, Peers in the House of Lords would also wear their ermine robes and coronets.

The Duke of Norfolk, as Earl Marshal of England, is charged with the wedding arrangements, but has not yet made any plans.—United Press.

The Ring

London, July 16. The "Daily Mail" reported today that a large diamond and five smaller ones in the engagement ring which Philip Mountbatten gave to Princess Elizabeth formerly belonged to his mother.

They are of "great sentimental value" because they were given to her by her husband, the late Prince Andrew, who died in 1944.

Princess Andrew designed Princess Elizabeth's ring, the "Mail" said.—Associated Press.

Colonel General V. F. Shilov, chief of the Soviet delegation,

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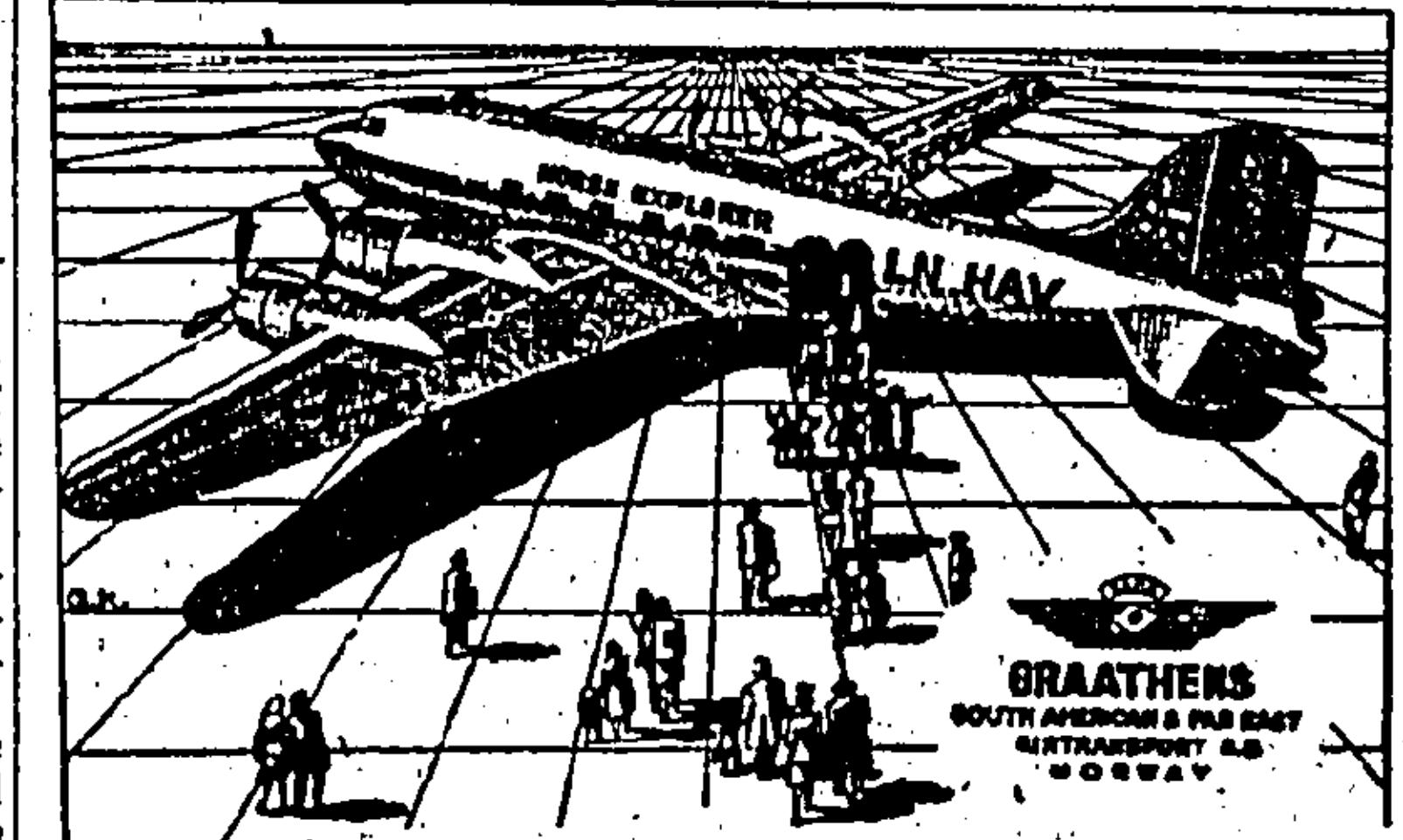
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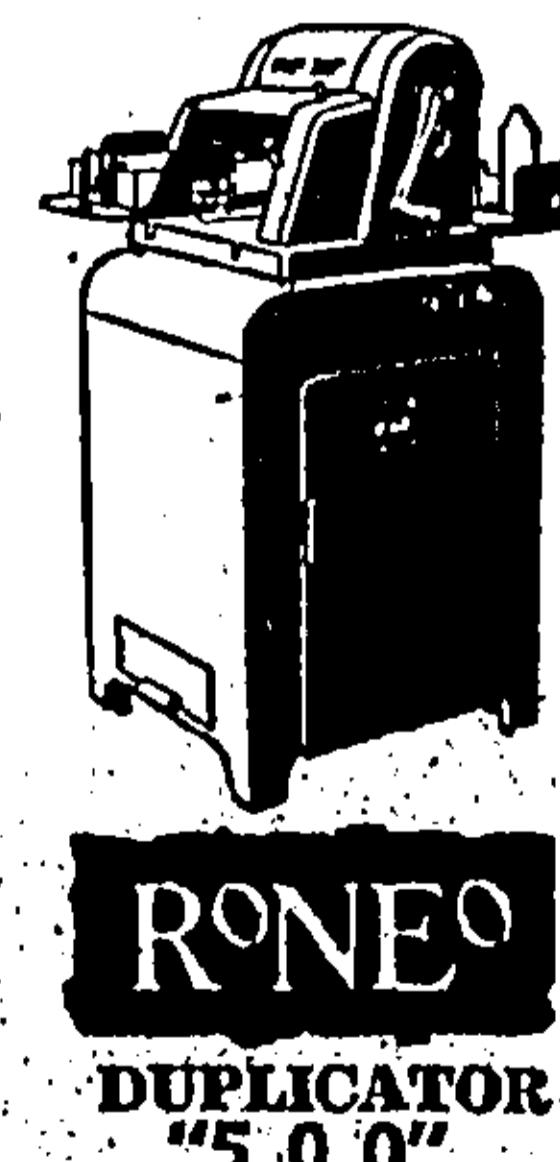
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Hong Kong's New Home Building Scheme Outlined

By A Special
Correspondent

The Kowloon Residents' Association has invited members of the public to register their names as prospective participants in a Home-Building Society. The response has been quite general and to date, 308 applicants have come forward. The Committee of the K.R.A. wish to make it quite clear that a person who registers his name does not commit himself in any way, nor is it necessary to pay any fee for registration.

Many questions have been asked, among them being:

- How much will it cost?
- Where do you propose to build?
- What type of house will you build?
- When will the homes be ready?
- Are not building costs too high?
- Is any deposit required?
- What will the monthly instalments be?

It must be emphasized that the K.R.A. is not the Home-Building Society. Realising its responsibility to the community and the great need for housing, the K.R.A. decided to sponsor the formation of a Society if the demand for one existed. The Society must be formed by the participants in the scheme themselves, and many of the answers to the questions must be supplied by the Society.

Two Bungalows

The questions were referred to Mr. Hugh Braga who submitted drawings of typical bungalows with the following statement which should be read in conjunction with that published on 9th July, 1947.

The plans are of two bungalows. The larger, Type "A" with garage and servants' quarters, will cost about \$45,000 if built in quantities of not less than 30 in the same locality. The smaller, Type "B" will cost about \$27,500. These figures are based on the prices of materials and labour available in Hong Kong now. It does not include the cost of land, fencing, turf, driveway, paths or any movable furniture, or equipment in the house. If a smaller or larger bungalow is desired, the cost will be approximately proportional to the area.

Land values are more difficult to estimate. For a house of this size an area of at least 7,500 square feet would be required but if the intending purchaser desires a larger plot of ground he must pay more. Assume that an area of 7,500 sq. ft. is wanted. The land will be anything from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per sq. ft., making the cost of the land between \$15,000 and \$30,000.

Many Features

For a community development, there are few large areas available in the Colony. There are several features which must be taken into consideration. The site must not be too far from the city; transport must be provided, and the essential services—water, electricity or gas, and sewerage must be available. The largest sites remaining for development fulfilling these requirements are Jardine's Lookout on the Island, and Kowloon Tsai (the area to the East of Waterloo Road near Kowloon Tong) on the Mainland. If a person is willing to pay a little more there is no reason why he should not be permitted to select his own site on which to build.

Five Or Six Types

If there are many participants in the scheme, there should be five or six types of houses of varying sizes to suit

different purges. Some people dislike bungalows and provision should, therefore, be made for two-storeyed houses if there is sufficient demand. It is suggested that local authorized architects be invited to submit competitive designs.

It is impossible to say when the homes will be ready. Firstly, there is the Home-Building Society to be formed; secondly, negotiations for finance and purchase of land must be put in hand; thirdly, designs of buildings must be submitted

difficult to understand why building costs are expected to drop to an "economic figure." The answer is not to stop building, but to build to suit our purpose. We must have smaller rooms, because, not only do they cost less, but they also require less furniture; we must introduce more labour saving devices in the smaller house so that we can do with fewer servants; we must do away with long wide passages as they are waste space and cost money; and we must build economical-

rectors of the Home-Building Society, while the monthly instalments will depend on the overall cost and the best financial arrangements they can obtain for the Society. With regard to borrowed money, the two determining factors are the period of repayment and the rate of interest. Assuming that repayment is to be made in 26 years, let us take the hypothetical case of Mr. & Mrs. Wong who want a small house with garden similar to Type "B" in which to retire, and examine the effect of the rate of interest on their monthly instalments.

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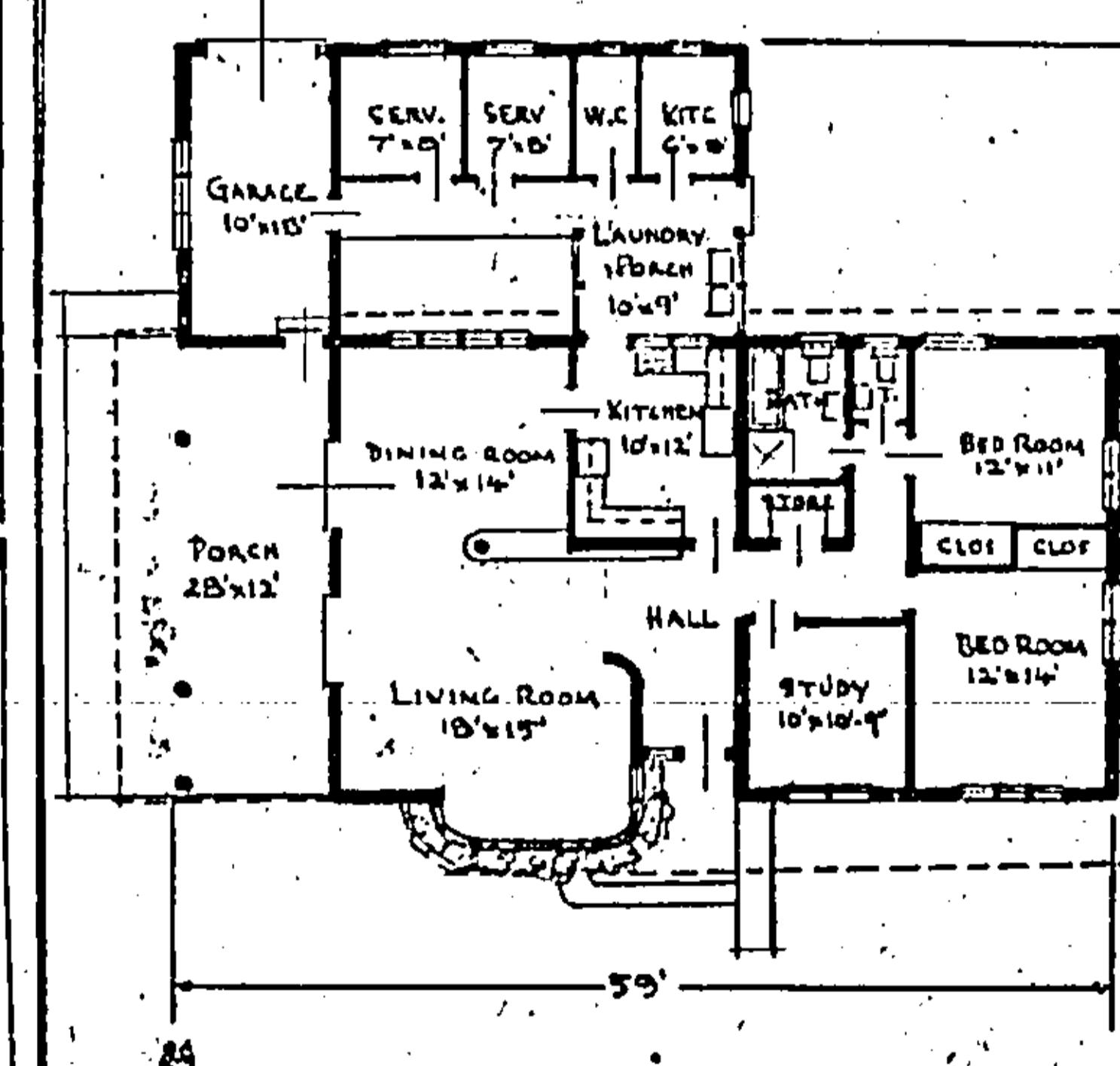
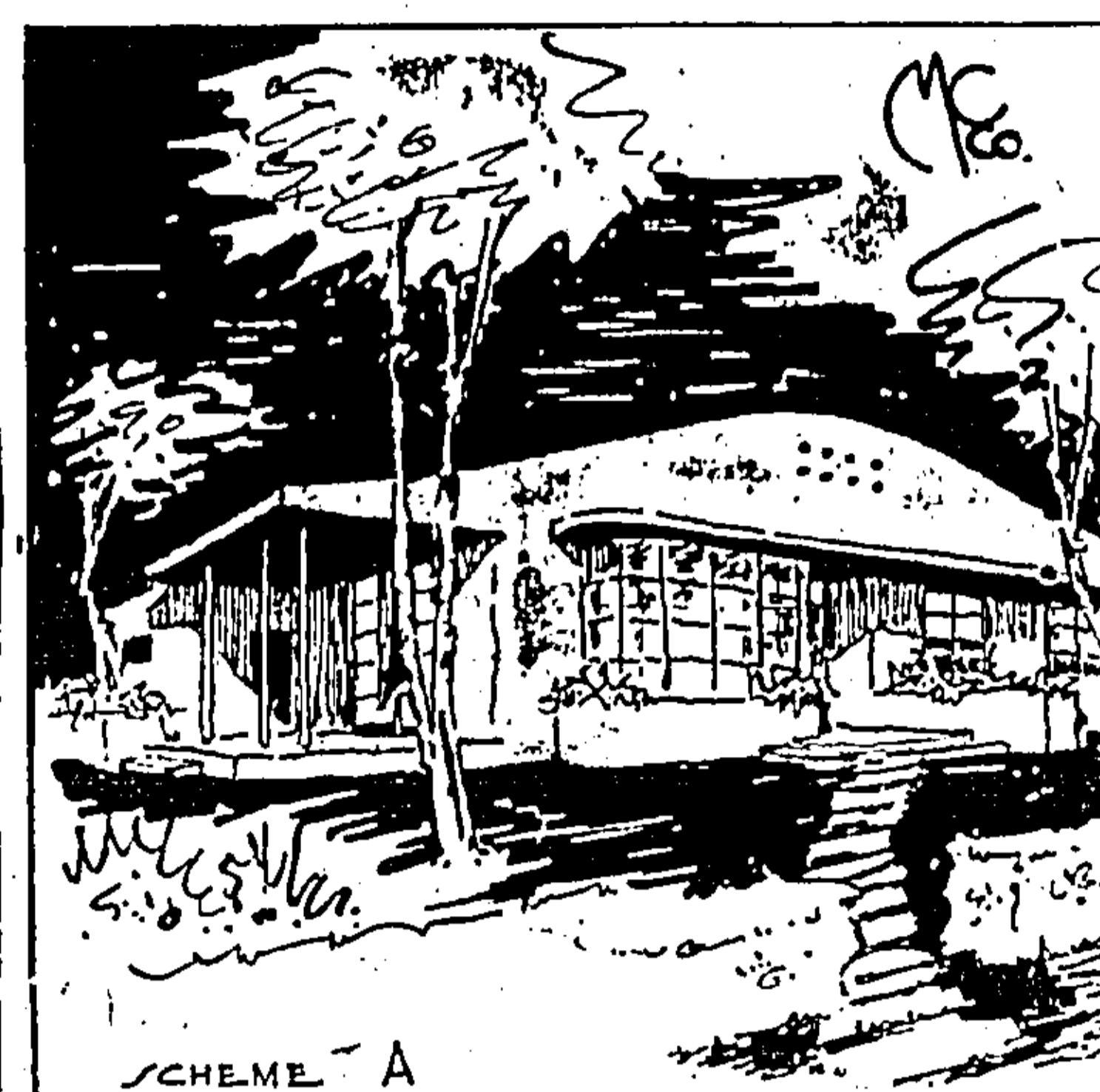
It will be noticed that the rate of interest has an important bearing on the monthly payments made by Mr. Wong. If the Building Society is able to obtain money at 2½%, one half of his monthly payments goes towards the repayment of the loan. At the end of 10 years Mr. Wong owns two-fifths of the house. If he now decides to leave the Colony for good, he will not be permitted to sell the property on the open market but must return it to the Building Society in good condition and with all improvements. He will receive from the Building Society his original deposit of \$4,250.00 plus \$16,000.00, less the cost of any necessary repairs, etc.

Reduced Interest

All this time Mr. Wong will pay the full rate of interest on \$40,000.00. This does not appear to be correct. After the first year he owes \$38,400.00, after the second year \$38,800.00, and so on. His interest should become less and less. The Building Society keeps the difference for the first three years to build up a reserve, after which, at the end of each year, Mr. Wong will receive a bonus. The amount of the bonus will be a little less than the interest due to Mr. Wong as the Society's reserves must be increased. As time goes on Mr. Wong's bonus will increase, always lagging about ¼% behind his interest. At the end of 25 years, Mr. Wong will have owned his own home and will have received about \$7,500 in bonuses, after having paid out \$26,000 in interest.

If the rate of interest had been 5%, Mr. Wong would have had to pay \$2,000 per year in interest, or \$50,000 in 25 years but his bonuses would have amounted to about \$20,000.

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and approved; fourthly, contracts for site formation and buildings must be prepared and let. All these will take time and the quickest way to complete the job is to start at once. If the scheme had started a year ago, we would be 12 months on the way now.

Building Costs

Prices have gone up all round. Food, clothing, drinks, travelling and recreation cost us several times more than what they did before the war. Our salaries have not been increased in the same ratio and so we must do with less. We do not expect prices to come down appreciably in spite of the official index figures. It is

does not mean to build cheaply. Cheap building costs more in the long run in maintenance.

To build economically is to design carefully, to select the right materials, and to stand aside wherever possible. With repetition work, the first house will be relatively expensive but,

by the time the tenth house is constructed, the workmen will know exactly what to do so that if thirty houses of the same type are built the average labour charges spread out over all of them will be considerably less than for the first house.

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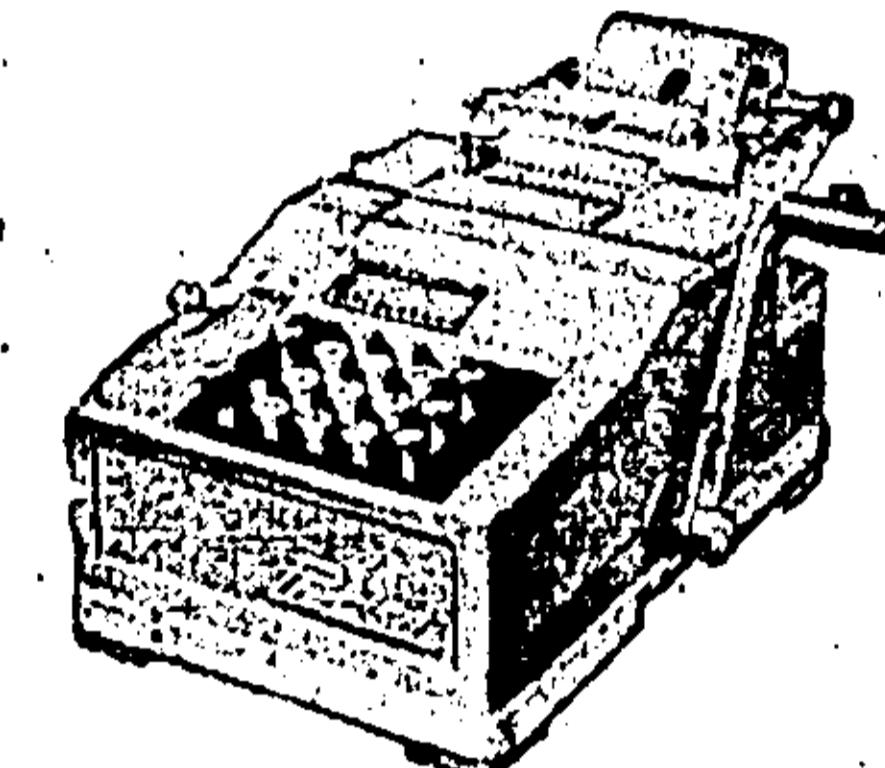
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World's Longest Welded Girder Bridge

What is thought to be the longest welded continuous girder bridge in existence has been built across the River des Miles at St. Rose, about 16 miles north of Montreal. The river forms one of the branches into which the St. Lawrence divides at Montreal Island and is used mainly by small pleasure craft, so that the loadroom required is limited. The feature of the bridge of interest and importance is the fact that it consists of a welded continuous girder 1,500 ft. long, rather than its height above the river or any special problem presented in the construction of the piers. The bridge lies on the main road from Montreal to the Laurentides Park and carries mainly motor traffic. The roadway is 25 ft. wide, with two 4-ft. sidewalks, and is designed to carry four 20-ton vehicles abreast, or two 25 tons side by side. It replaces an old wooden bridge, carried on docked timber cribs, which had been in continuous service since 1930.

The decision of the Department of Public Works of the Province of Quebec to adopt a welded continuous girder of such unprecedented length was based on the satisfactory performance of a number of shorter bridges embodying the same type of construction. The first, 646 ft. long, was built in 1936 at St. Anne de la Pérade on the main road between Montreal and Quebec. The cost of this bridge compared very favourably with that estimated for a girdered structure, and it was considered to present a better appearance. It was followed, in 1937, by a 255-ft. bridge at Louisville, on the same road, and shortly after by a 486-ft. bridge across the Beaufort River, which lies some 29 miles south of the St. Lawrence. A further example was a bridge, 640 ft. long, over the River Rouge at Calumet, 50 miles west of Montreal.

14 Spans

The St. Rose bridge consists of 14 spans varying in length from 90 ft. to 126 ft. They are disposed symmetrically about the central pier, to which the two main continuous girders are fixed. These are spaced at 32-ft. centres and carry 52-ft. wide concrete deck, 8 in. thick under the roadway and 6 in. under the side-walks. The bridge is in the form of a flat curve, the height at the central pier being 8 ft. above that at the abutments. The built-up girders vary in depth from 9 ft. at the central pier to 4 ft.

7 in. for the 30-ft. shore spans, the flange plates ranging in thickness from $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Web plates $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick are used throughout, with heavy plate stiffeners over the bearings and inside stiffeners at intermediate points. These latter consist of 6 in. by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. by 5/16 in. angles, toe-welded to the webs; they are calculated to provide buckling strength equivalent to conventional double-angle stiffeners. Every second stiffener is capped to form a seat for a floorbeam, being faced and welded to the girder webs for shear only. The side-walks are carried on cantilever brackets, similarly faced and welded to the girder webs for shear only. They are connected to the floorbeams by tension straps passing over the girders. The girder bottom flanges are braced by knee brackets for every floorbeam in the compression zone and for alternate floorbeams elsewhere. Over the piers, the floorbeams are deep welded girder sections, proportioned to act as a bracing frame inadequate for all internal forces. No permanent top or bottom laterals are provided, the concrete deck being calculated to resist all lateral loads. Light temporary diagonals were installed for aligning the girders during erection, but were removed after the concrete of the deck had been poured.

Disc Bearings

At the abutments, flush roadway expansion joints of the overlapping finger type are provided. These permit of a total movement of 9.7 in. for half the bridge, which is equivalent to a temperature range from -40 deg. F. to 120 deg. F. The pier members which support the girders are provided with disc bearings to equalise the loads and have rollers varying from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter. The rollers are carried in nests and their direction of motion is positively controlled. In the design of the girders, calculation of moments and shears were based on the moment-distribution method, adjusted for variable moments of inertia. Field joints were located as close as practicable to points of least moment in each span, the girders of the longest spans being fabricated in lengths of 67 ft. 6 in. and 18 ft. 6 in.; the corresponding weights were 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ short tons. The total weight of structural steel in the bridge is 1,180 short tons, equivalent to 1,520 lb. per foot. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

Home-Building Scheme

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Take the case of Mr. & Mrs. Souza and their family of three. They are better off financially than Mr. Wong and want a larger house and more ground for which they take up 60 shares. At 5% interest, their monthly payments would be \$300, while at 2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$, they would be \$405. Although a good percentage of the payments would be saving Mr. Souza might not be in a position to scrape together the difference of \$125 each month. If the rate of interest is over 2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ the Souzas will have to be content with a smaller house with less ground.

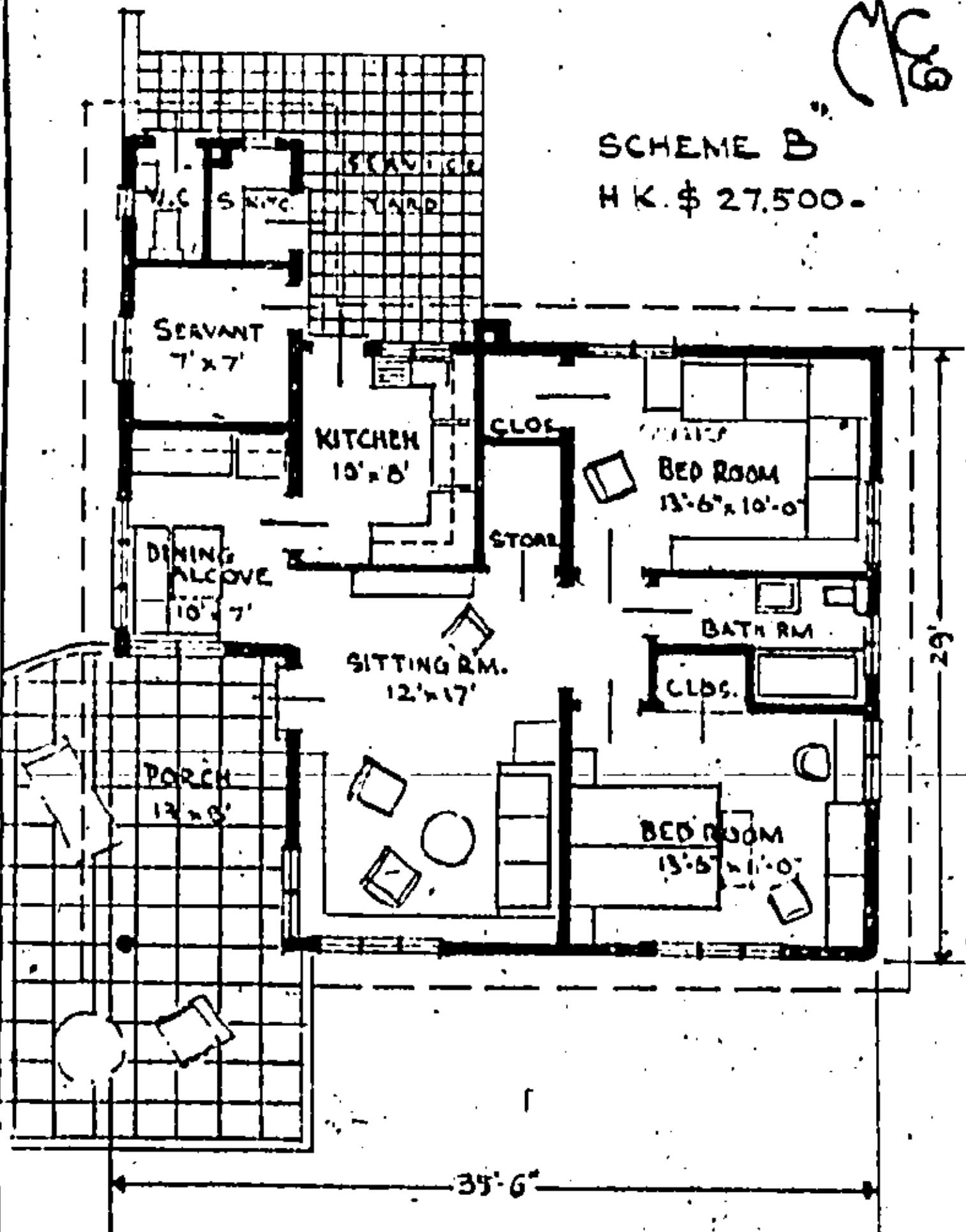
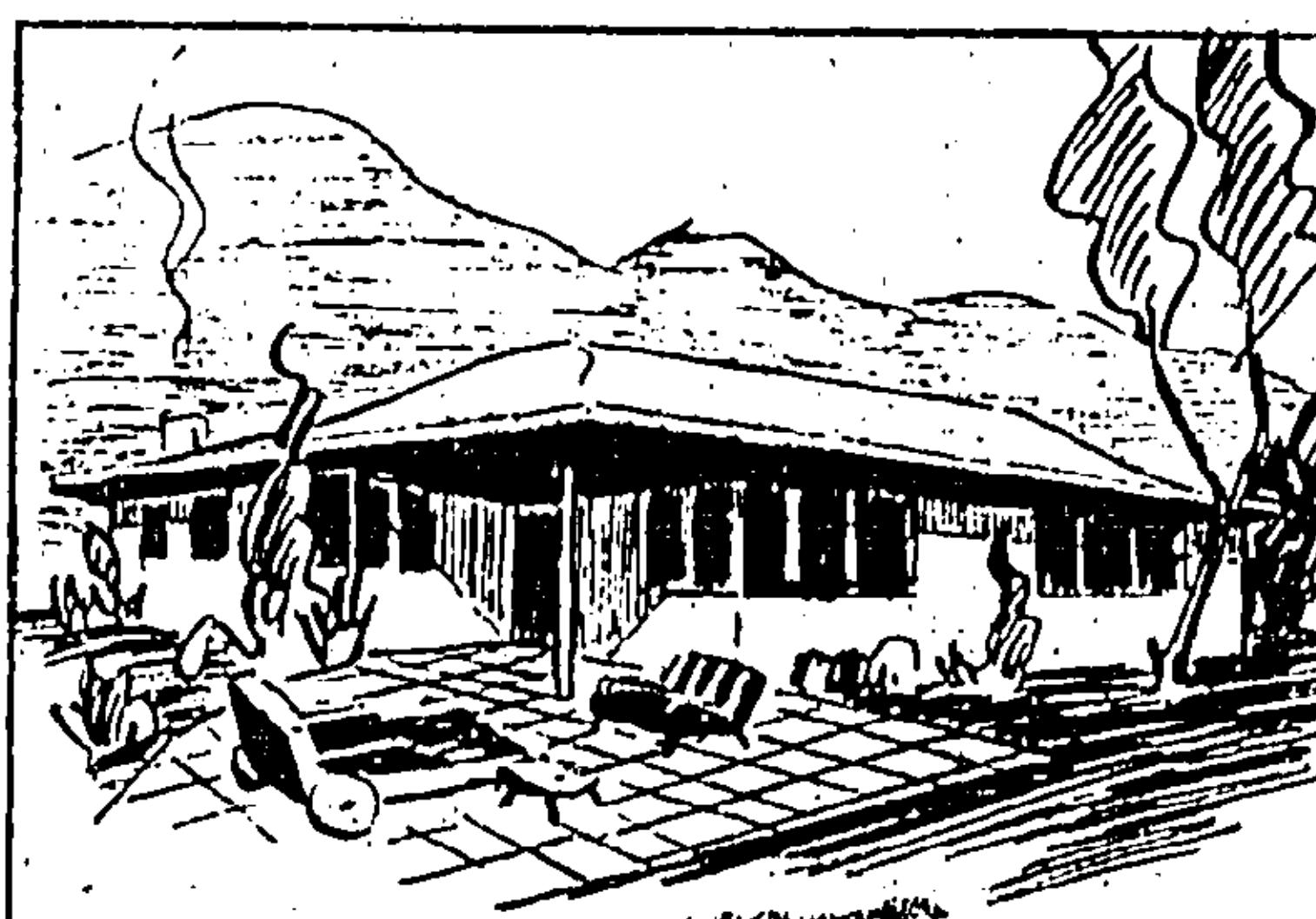
Profits Pooled

Suppose that, after three years, building costs drop. Mr. & Mrs. Smith who are new arrivals in the Colony require the same accommodation for their family as the Souzas. It is suggested that they should pay the same monthly installments as Mr. Souza. The profits all go into the pool and are distributed between the members in direct proportion to the paid-up value of the shares they

PAYMENTS PER ANNUM					
Rate of interest per annum	5%	4%	3%	2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$	2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$
Amortisation	\$1,600	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest	2,000	1,000	1,200	1,000	1,000
Crown Rent	130	130	130	130	130
Assessment tax 17 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on \$125.00 per month.	250	250	250	250	250
Property tax 4 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on \$125.00 per month.	60	60	60	60	60
Management fee	192	192	192	192	192
Total payments per annum	\$4,238	\$3,898	\$3,438	\$3,333	\$3,333
Total payments per month to the nearest \$5.00	\$355	\$320	\$285	\$270	\$270

Note: 1. Water, insurance and repairs are also payable by Mr. Wong.
2. Management fee is based on office expenses at \$4,000 per month, 10,000 shares at 40cts. would yield this amount.

hold. The important point that Messrs. Wong, Souza and Smith must realise is that the organisation in itself and its success will depend on the extent to which they are willing to co-operate.



The flanges then being welded before the web welds were completed. The object aimed at was to balance as far as possible the longitudinal contraction, which amounted to about 6/32 in. per joint. The splice holes in the flanges were plugged and welded over. Strength considerations did not arise, as the net areas of the plates were more than ample for the calculated stresses. The bolt holes in the webs were plug-welded for appearance.

Poured In Sections

Concrete for the deck was poured in sections, which extended between points of dead-load contrallexure in the girders, and which varied in length from 54 ft. to 72 ft. The concrete pour extended over the roadway, the sidewalks and fæncies which masked the sidewalk brackets giving a uniform external appearance to the bridge throughout its length. The forms used were of 1-in. timber nailed to 2-in. 6-in. and 2-in. by 8-in. stringers, which spanned the spaces between the floorbeams. The deck contains 2,200 cubic yards of concrete and was poured in 27 sections at the rate of one a day. No longitudinal or lateral constructional joints were provided in the deck. Experience has shown that there is great difficulty in maintaining such joints in the severe Canadian climate, and it was considered that sufficient bond existed between the steel and concrete to provide for the different expansion coefficients.

A public meeting will be held in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Monday 28th July, 1947, at 6 p.m., when all will be given an opportunity to express their views. This meeting is not restricted to those who registered their names. All interested will be welcome.

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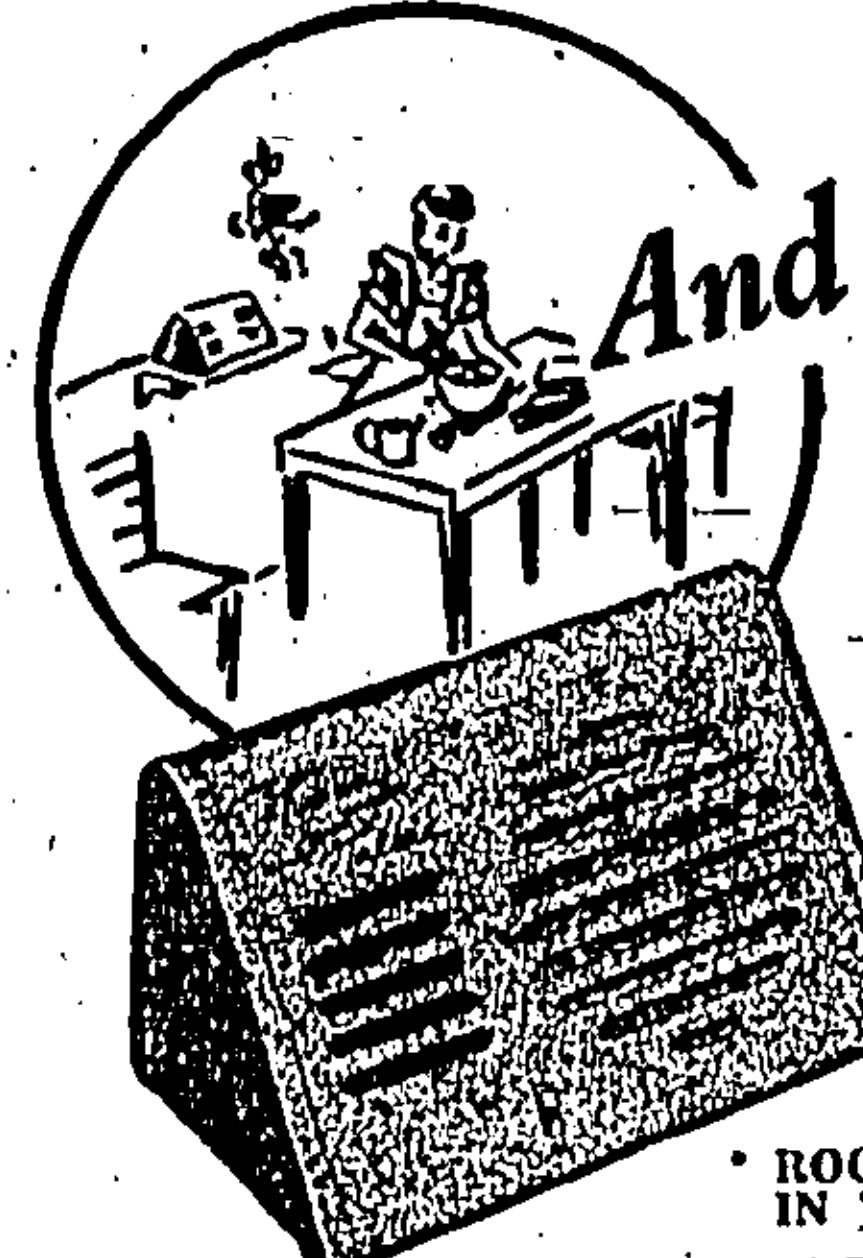
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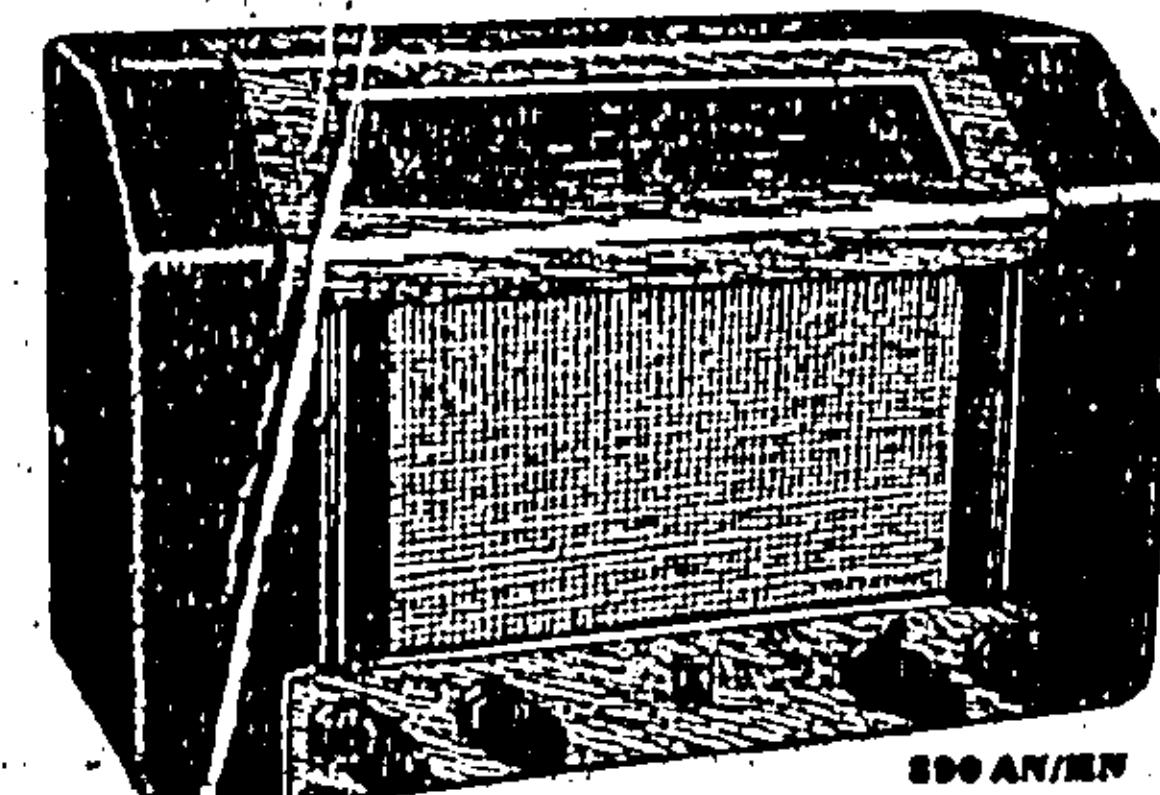
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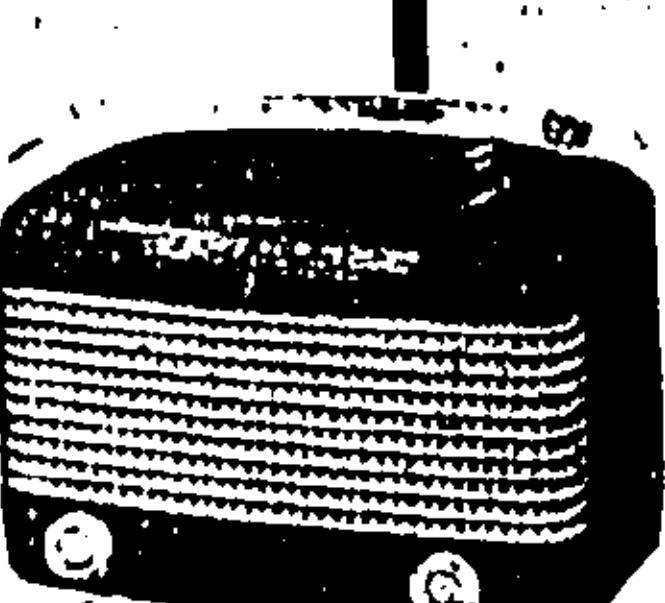
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JOHN STRACHEY DEFENDS NEWSPRINT CUTS**Banks Win Petition**

Shanghai, July 16.

Private actions for payment of pre-war bank deposits at increased rates will be disallowed, in accordance with an order of the Ministry of Judicial Administration, says the "Sun Wen Pao."

The order of the Ministry of Judicial Administration is issued in reply to a petition by the local Bankers' Association to the Executive Yuan, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Judicial Administra-

Three points asked by the petition were needed to be by the order. They were that no cause of prewar bank deposits be accepted by the courts. Cases now in progress should be thrown out of court and third, the banks be given the right to request the courts to annul provisional execution.—Reuter.

Silver Sales In New York

New York, July 15.

Silver consumers today bought 150,000 ounces on the basis of the unchanged price of 65 cents an ounce.

London enquired for 100,000 ounces for European account, but the United States agreement arrived too late for confirmation and the business may be held over until tomorrow.

Mortality figures per thousand declined from 2.56 in 1939 to 1.43 in 1946, he said.

Infant mortality had decreased from 58 per thousand in 1941 to 43 in 1940 and stillbirths from 30 in 1939 to 27 last year.

"It is a pity these figures are not better known, especially abroad where one reads in the American and foreign press how laudily we are doing," the Minister said.—United Press.

BILLETS FOR BUSINESS MEN

Tokyo, July 15.

Kotaro Nagai, Director of the Japanese Board of Trade, said today that billets for the 400 Allied businessmen expected to arrive in Japan will be completed by August 15.

Some 200 beds will be available in Tokyo, 50 at Nogoya, 200 at Kyoto and 50 at Osaka. The billets in Tokyo will be in the former hospital of the Imperial Household Department in the Imperial Palace.—United Press.

"The blame must be put on the right shoulders," said the "Guardian." "The Government signed out newspapers to be sole sufferers from the cut in dollar expenditure. Moreover, newspapers alone among users of newsprint are penalized."

"Either the Government's decision was taken with imperfect knowledge (which would be reflected on its intelligence) or was taken because in its view newspapers are to be restricted for the public's own good."

It urged, in company with the Newsprint Supply Company, that rather than break Canadian contracts, supplies ordered be permitted to come in to be used to build up stocks in this country, thus be a sound dollar asset for use in an emergency.—United Press.

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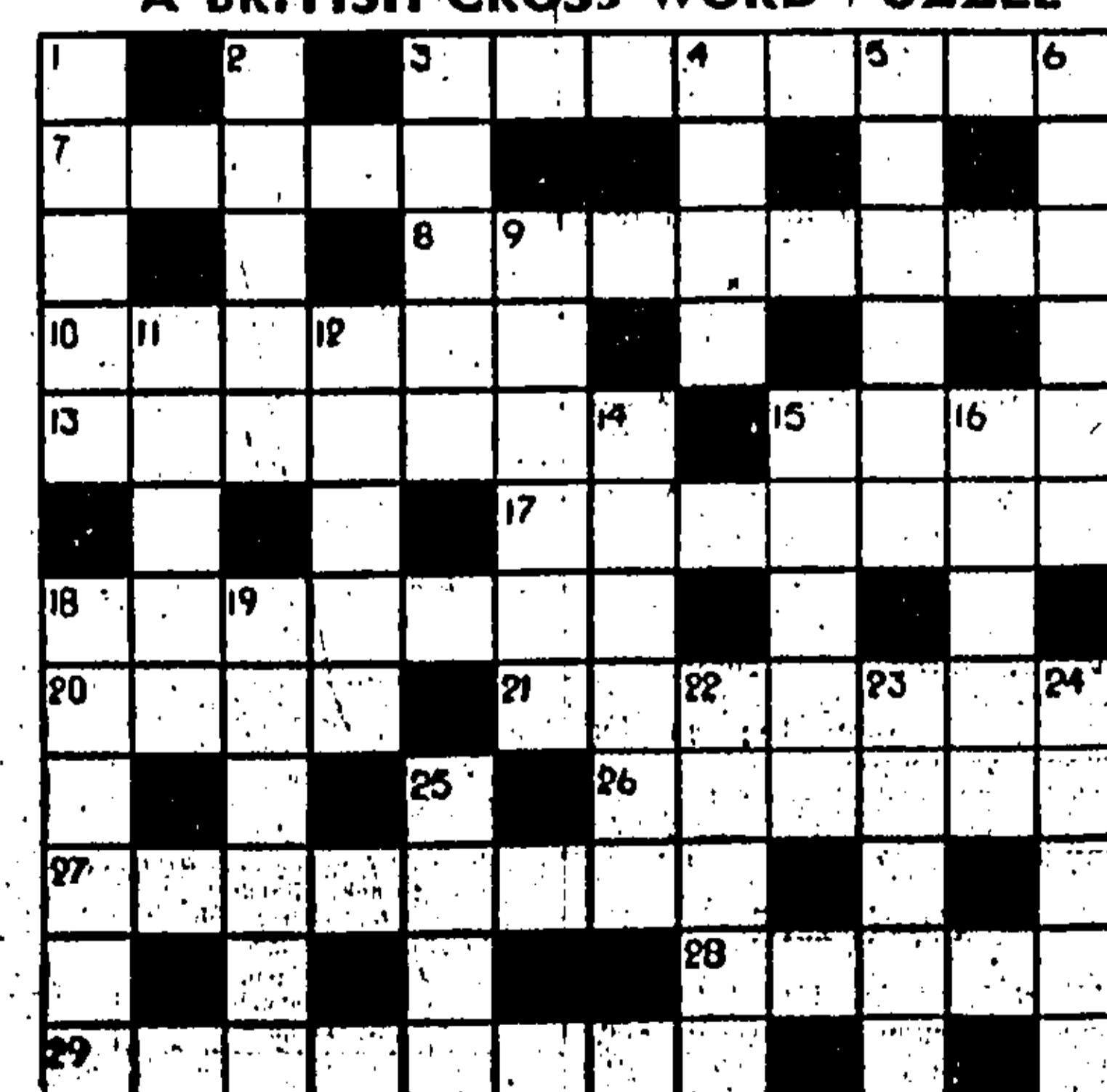
NEW MALAYAN BANK

Singapore, July 16.

A new bank, capitalised at \$10,000,000 (about £1,800,000) named the Overseas Union Bank, is to be promoted here by a group of prominent Malayan Chinese businessmen.

The promoters include the well-known millionaire, Mr. Aw Boon Haw.

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A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

1. "Soft" drink. 20. Lazy.
7. Accustom. 21. Wearisome.
8. Fright-line. 23. Sharp answer.
10. Humbled. 27. Make lawful.
13. Grant. 14. On the spot.
15. Energoches. 28. Reverie upon.
16. Esteem. 29. Cells.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Street; 5. Islam; 8. Hand; 9. Gossip; 10. Vocal; 11. Cedar; 12. Eros; 13. Leash; 16. Rehabs; 18. Blurred; 20. Sedan; 22. Pupa; 23. Tauch; 25. Sirow; 26. Dismayed; 27. Nakid; 28. Party; 29. Dogged.

London, July 15. John Strachey sharply defended Government's newsprint cuts as the alternative to reduced food imports. "I would put food far above newsprint," he said.

"Of course we have got to have some newsprint imports. I am a journalist by trade, but when I have to choose between food and extra pages in my newspaper, I must confess my journalist trade union feelings are not strong enough to put newsprint before food."

Mr. Strachey said he would be strongly opposed to devoting additional funds to importing newsprint.

He said his food export plan target of £10,000,000 each year needed "public understanding."

He said its object was "to buy more, especially more food" and that none of the ten millions would go far on newsprint.

He said he could not expect wheat imports from Russia to end bread rationing. "I do not think one can pick out one factor and say it would be absolutely decisive."

He said the changes of strengthening Britain's watered down beer depended upon the barley crop. "Six weeks ago it looked pretty poor, but it is now improving," he said.

Announcing the issue of free vitamin tablets to new mothers, Mr. Strachey said maternal and infant mortality had shown an "extraordinary decline" compared with pre-war figures.

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"Guardian's Blast

London, July 15.

Heading the continued attack on Government's decree reducing the amount of newsprint for newspapers, the "Manchester Guardian" editorial announced today that it would reduce its size on Monday because of "this unfortunate political decision."

"The blame must be put on the right shoulders," said the "Guardian." "The Government signed out newspapers to be sole sufferers from the cut in dollar expenditure. Moreover, newspapers alone among users of newsprint are penalized."

They express dissatisfaction with Gen. MacArthur's intended policy of subsidising Japanese exports, and it is reported that the Executive Yuan will call a meeting of Foreign Office and Ministry of Economic Affairs officials to discuss measures to cope with subsidised Japanese exports.

Official quarters point out that the United States opposed T. V. Soong's export bonus system, but is now contemplating the same system for Japan—a foe and a defeated nation.

Prospects of trade are not regarded as bright since many Japanese exports fall within the prohibited categories of the Chinese import control regulations while China might be unable to supply commodities such as soy beans and coal that Japan needs.

There also are difficulties in exchange since there is no rate between the Chinese dollar and the yen and transactions must be in United States dollars which is not feasible due to China's low reserve of foreign exchange.

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H.K. Stock Exchange

A fairly busy session has to be reported.

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COMPANY MEETING

Powell's Decide On Substantial Carry Forward

Highly satisfactory business in the post war period resulting in a net profit of \$94,960 for the year ending February 28, 1947, was announced to shareholders of Wm. Powell Ltd. at their first post-war annual meeting held at Exchange Building yesterday.

The Chairman, Mr. F. C. Barry, revealed that almost the entire assets of the Company were lost during the occupation, with the Company's bankers, and that total war losses were estimated at \$111,993.36.

After the appointments and acts of Directors subsequent to the last annual meeting on June 25, 1941, were confirmed, the Chairman said:

"Before proceeding to deal with the accounts I wish to refer to the fact in personnel the Company has sustained since our last meeting."

"Mr. H. Overy, the Company's Managing Director, died during Internment at Stanley."

"Mr. W. L. Alexander, the Secretary of the Company, was killed in action whilst serving with the R.A.F.C. in November 1944.

"I take this opportunity of extending to their relatives and friends our deepest sympathy in their loss."

"You will see from the 1941 Balance Sheet that the majority of the books and records were lost as a result of the enemy occupation of the Colony and, accordingly, the accounts for the period have been prepared from a copy of the latest available Balance Sheet and from Bank Statements."

"The net profit for the ten months ended December 31, 1941 amounted to \$41,705.13 which, when added to the balance brought forward from previous years, gave a final balance at credit of \$145,622.84."

"The accounts for the period March 1, 1946 to February 28, 1947, have been prepared from a copy of the latest available Balance Sheet and from Bank Statements."

"Expenditure for the period January 1, 1942 to February 28, 1947 amounted to \$26,196 and when this amount is applied against the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account there is left \$14,612.84 to be carried forward."

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"The Chairman said the suggestion put forward by Mr. Stewart would be carried forward."

"The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously."

The resolution of Mr. E. M. Raymond to the effect that the Company should be reconstituted as an entirely separate entity but in conjunction with Late Crawford's Men's Wear Department in Exchange Building. This may say is a little too far reaching but will only apply until such time as we can find our new premises elsewhere."

"To assist in this arrangement, Mr. A. W. Brown of Lane, Crawford Ltd. was appointed Managing Director of the Company on October 10, 1946."

"That these regulations were justified is reflected in the accounts before you. The profit and loss account for the period trading for the period October 10, 1946 to February 28, 1947 was \$94,960.19. This compares to the previous figure of profit and loss account leaves a balance of \$14,612.84 to be carried forward."

"You will note from the Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1947, that stocks on hand at that date amounted to \$126,632.00. The amount of stock represented by this figure is entirely inadequate for the Company's needs, and arises as a result of the difficulty in obtaining supplies from abroad. Goods are slow in getting forward. It is anticipated, however, that the Company will have to carry stocks to the value of over \$100,000 to satisfy the present level of demand and this additional amount will have to be met out of limited resources."

"As has previously indicated, it is the Company's intention to obtain separate premises in which to conduct the Company's business as soon as initial accommodation becomes available. The cost of furnishing and equipping the

premises will, under present costs, involve the Company in a considerable outlay."

No Dividend

"Your directors have given careful consideration to the payment of dividend but in view of the commitments in respect of stocks requirements and the furnishing of premises as I have outlined, they consider it appropriate that the matter of distribution should be deferred until such time as the Company's position will allow."

The Chairman proposed: "That the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the period March 1, 1941 to February 28, 1947, as presented, be adopted and that the balance of \$145,622.84 standing at credit of Profit and Loss Account be carried forward to next account."

Mr. W. A. Stewart, seconding the proposal said:

"Before proceeding to second the Chairman's proposition, I would like to associate myself with his expression of sympathy to the relatives and friends of late Mr. H. Overy and Mr. W. L. Alexander who were personal friends of mine and I know they took a great interest in this Company and worked well on its behalf."

The Directors are to be congratulated on having concluded an arrangement with Lane, Crawford Ltd. for the revival of this Company, which has brought such rapid results in such a short period of time. I hope that the arrangement will provide a sound basis for the future."

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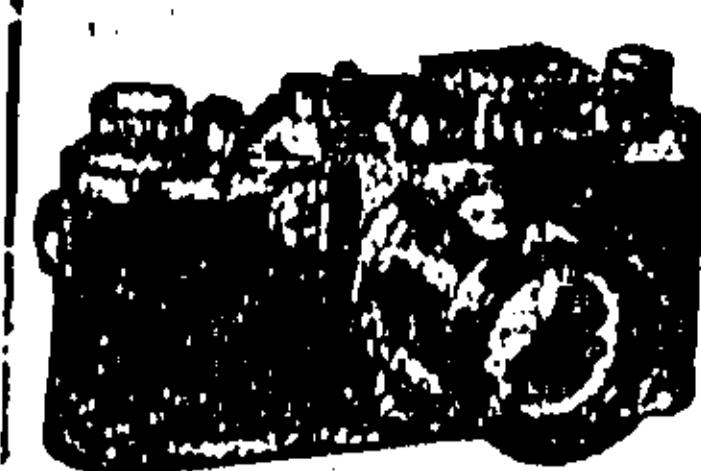
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Major Battle On Greek Albanian Border

Prague, July 15. The official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, reported from Athens today that the "Greek Democratic Army" captured the town of Anaporeia after intense fighting had seized control of the "entire Katerina area" and held full initiative in all parts of the country. Operations likewise are continuing with great ferocity on Mount Gramos and near Sarandoros, where Government aircraft and artillery are taking part," Tanjug reported.

"From reports of Greek monarchist press newspapers and short Army communiques, it is seen that the "Democratic" Army holds full initiative in all parts of the country."

The agency said: "A Democratic Army detachment destroyed a railway station in the Serres plain and added, "It seems the partisans are controlling the larger part of the Serres region."

Quoting reports to monarchist paper in Saloniciki, it said that "most of the Democratic Army" entered Katerina suburbs.

"The paper Rizospastis reports that a Democratic Army detachment entered Vasiliki village, where a large meeting of the people was held," it continued. "After the meeting, 20 peasants joined the Democratic Army. Three hundred Democratic Army soldiers attacked St. George village in central Greece, which they seem to have liberated." United Press.

London Comment

London, July 15. A Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report that the Foreign Office had said that Britain would protest to the United Nations if an international brigade were involved in the Greek fighting. "We said no such thing. In any case, that is not our attitude," he said.

At a press conference, the spokesman said: "Britain has received various reports concerning the alleged existence of an international brigade."

"So far, however, our information is not such as to confirm the existence of an international brigade," he said.

He declined to reveal in what countries inquiries had been made. -United Press.

Encirclement Claimed

Athens, July 15. The Government today reported that Greek troops encircled more than 2,000 guerrillas invading Greece from Albania and a published report said that American and British naval units were headed for Athens waters.

Military dispatches said Greek troops had halted the advance of the guerrillas marching toward the key city of Ioannina and had nipped off the spearhead to encircle the main invasion force.

Army quarters described the fighting in the Albanian border zone as a major battle.

The guerrilla warfare is entering a new phase of organized mass fighting with the apparent objective of seizing areas for possible establishment of a Communist "free Greece."

The afternoon newspaper, "Epta," said that sizeable British and American fleet units, including aircraft carriers, are expected to enter Phaleron Bay today. -United Press.

Invasion Fails

Athens, July 16. General Napoleon Zerios, Greek Minister of Public Order, reaffirmed in a statement sent last night from Jannina, Epirus, that the guerrillas who attacked Konitsa came from Albania.

"Eight battalions were organised and armed with powerful firearms on Albanian territory," he said. "So far we have established that at least two battalions were of foreign origin."

"The attempted invasion of Epirus has failed," he added. -Reuter.

Admiralty Statement

London, July 15. The Admiralty said today that the cruiser Liverpool would visit Athens on July 18 and three other units of the Mediterranean Fleet, including the aircraft carrier Triumph, would enter Greek waters a week later during the Fleet's summer cruise.

The Admiralty spokesman emphasized that the visits would have no political significance as the schedule had been arranged long before the present Greek crisis.

European Headquarters of the United States Navy denied

China's Plans For Olympiad

Mr. Tung Shou-yi, general secretary of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation, who arrived here on Tuesday by plane from Singapore, left yesterday afternoon for Nanking.

Mr. Tung returned from Europe where he attended the Olympic Committee meeting at Stockholm, Sweden and later went to London and met the Olympic Organizing committee.

While in England Mr. Tung met Mr. S. F. Rou, secretary of the English Football Association and Mr. Tom Clarke, who it will be remembered managed the Corinthian Football team when they visited the Far East. He witnessed the Wimbledon final.

Mr. Tung told the "China Mail" that China would be represented at the Olympics in football, basketball, track and field and swimming.

A national meet will be held in Shanghai in April or May next year for the selection to be made.

Only individuals who are members of clubs affiliated to the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federations, whose headquarters are now in Nanking will be considered for the Olympics. The C.N.A.A.F. has branches in all provinces of China.

Mr. Tung was a keen sportsman in his younger days and represented China in the Far Eastern Olympic in 1917.

U.S. Baseball Results

New York, July 15. Westlake drove in seven runs with a homer and a double each while bases loaded as the Pirates defeated Dodgers at Brooklyn 12-4 in the opener of a double-header. The Pirates also took the nightcap 9-3 as Bloodworth homered with one aboard in the third as Greenberg doubled.

Cullenling hit a home run with one aboard in the second to help Tigers defeat Senators 11-6 at Detroit.

Scores follows:

National

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh Pirates	12	10	2
Brooklyn Dodgers	4	4	2
Pittsburgh Pirates	9	13	3
(nightcap)	9	13	0
Brooklyn Dodgers	3	13	0
New York Yankees	9	10	0
Cleveland Indians	4	10	0
Washington Senators	6	11	1
Detroit Tigers	11	14	0
—United Press.			

Six-Point Plan For British Press

London, July 16. The Royal Commission on the Press disclosed today that working newspapermen have suggested the formation of a British Press Board to safeguard the freedom of the press in Britain. The Commission released for publication a memorandum of evidence submitted by the National Union of Journalists, which claims a large percentage of Britain's newspapermen, and which made the following recommendations:

1. The suggested Press Board should include representatives of every section of the newspaper industry and at least two or three representatives of the public;

2. Parliament should set up a publishing corporation which would provide paper and plant to further the establishment of more independent newspapers;

3. A law to prevent newspaper monopolies;

4. A fixed ratio of advertising to editorial space;

5. Encouragement, by taxation, to newspapers putting their ownership into the approved type of trust;

6. Publication of the names of newspaper owners and major stock holders.

"Every effort should be made that this expansion of direct representation is continued, however. The situation before the war was much less satisfactory," the newspapermen told the Commission. They would strongly resist any measure that would bring the press "even" within shadow of Government control."

Robust Opinion

They warned if the present strong tendency toward newspaper monopolies continued, "independent local newspapers will become more and more inviolable." -United Press.

Surprise "Plan" Premature

London, July 15. Any decision by the United States to hand over the administration of the American Occupation Zone in Germany to civil authorities, as was suggested in Washington today by Mr. John Poirifoy, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, would require the agreement of the other three occupying powers in Germany, it was authoritatively stated in London.

There is at present a four-power agreement by which each of the occupying powers supplies the military force for its zone. Since the Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers last March, talks have been started between the four occupation authorities in Berlin for simultaneous reduction of all military forces in Germany.

These have, so far, made little progress owing to differences over the numbers of troops to be maintained in the various zones after reduction, but the question of substituting police forces for military forces—as forecast by Mr. Poirifoy—has never arisen.

It is reliably learned that the American Control authorities in Berlin have not made any such proposal to the British authorities. Observers in London, therefore, assume that the changes forecast by Mr. Poirifoy are still in the phase of State Department planning and are still far from ready for practical application.—Reuter.

At Hove: Warwickshire beat Sussex by 174 runs. Warwickshire 216 and 299. Sussex 154 and 187 (Smith 78 not out).

At Westcliff: Gloucestershire beat Essex by eight wickets. Essex 330 and 226 (R. Smith 63). Cook six for 108. Gloucestershire 336 and 191 for two (Allen 69, Barnett 109 not out).

At Ebbs Vale: Glamorgan drew with Worcestershire. Glamorgan 314 and 157 for eight declared (Wooler 50, E. Davies 53 not out). Jenkins six for 52. Worcestershire 213 and 215 for seven.

At Nottingham: Notts drew with Yorkshire. Notts 330 and 89 for two. Yorkshire 363 and 89 for two. Notts 61. Smalley 78 not out.

At Northampton: Northants drew with Somerset. Northants 506. Somerset 248 (Broderick five for 61) and 222 for three (Gimblett 113 not out, Watt 64).

At Leicester: Middlesex beat Leicestershire by ten wickets. Leicestershire 309 and 393 (Berry 154, Tompkin 76, Denis Gimpson five for 108). Middlesex 637 for four declared and 66 for no wickets.—Reuter.

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When Mr. R. Stokes, Labour, said that some members of the House of Commons had informed him to the effect that part of the Krupp Works making locomotives were scheduled to be demolished, Mr. McNeil said that he would be glad to consider such information.—Reuter.

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No Title Bout For Louis

New York, July 15. Joe Louis will not defend his world heavyweight championship this year, according to a statement made tonight.

The decision was reached at a meeting when the champion, his manager, Marshall Miles, and Sol Strauss, acting Director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club were present.

Instead of defending his title as originally arranged on September 19, Louis will participate in two non-title bouts over ten rounds at Madison Square Garden during the autumn and winter.—Reuter.

In the previous fight, Tony come back from the verge of a knockout to put Rocky away in the sixth round.

The gate may total more than the \$452,000 record for a middleweight title scrap.—Associated Press.

Henry Cotton Leading

Paris, July 15. Henry Cotton, former British Open champion, is leading the field at the end of the first day's play in the French Open golf championship.

He had a first round score of 68 to lead his nearest rival by four strokes, and then went round in 71 for a 36-hole aggregate of 189.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, July 15. British troops, armed with Tommy guns, guarded strategic points along Jerusalem's main streets when Lieutenant-General Sir John Tredegar Crocker arrived here today on his first visit to Palestine since his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces, earlier this month.—Reuter.

London, July 14. A volume of autographed signatures of all the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt, and their wives today fetched \$20 at public auction.—Reuter.

London, July 14. A former London shipping clerk is to become the Anglican Bishop of Gibraltar, whose diocese covers the Mediterranean area.

The Right Rev. Cecil David Horsey, now Bishop of Colombo, takes his new office on July 31.—Associated Press.

NEW BALKAN FLARE-UP DISTURBS UNITED STATES

Lake Success, July 15. The United States today withdrew from the Security Council its earlier demand that the Council drop all other business in order to settle the Balkan dispute.

The United States delegate, Herschel Johnson, who earlier presented the request, withdrew the proposal after it became apparent that most of the delegates were prepared only for the scheduled discussion of the United Nations police.

Alarmed by reports of guerilla invasion of Greece from Albania, the United States said the situation has become "a matter of genuine urgency."

The American delegate urged the Council to devote itself steadily to the Balkans crisis beginning with this afternoon's meeting, dropping the consideration of the global police force, the problem of Trieste and the impending Anglo-Egyptian debate until a solution is achieved.

The United States continues to insist that the Balkan matter is so urgent that there should be no delay in seeking a solution.

Russian Refusal

Mr. Johnson told the Security Council that Russia is "unwilling or unable" to contribute its proper share of land, sea and air forces to the global police force. He said the failure or refusal by one of the big powers to assume its share of giving the United Nations power to keep peace should not stand in the way of the earliest possible date.

Johnson underscored the United States demand for early completion of the United Nations force and criticized Russia's demand that the Big Five be required to make identical, rather than comparable, contributions to the armed force which will support the world organization.

Johnson said the United States does not object to Russia's contributing a force equal to that provided by the United States if such action does not place a limit on the United States contribution.

A further £700,000 will be released from the balances during 1948 and £130,000 will be set aside to establish scholarships for Uruguayan scholars to study in Britain. It was added.

The remainder of the balances will be blocked, but Uruguay is empowered to use as much of the balances as necessary for the purchase of British-owned utilities in Uruguay, notably the Central Uruguay Railway.—Reuter.

Anglo-Uruguayan Agreement

London, July 15.

One million sterling will be released from her £17,000,000 balances under the Anglo-Uruguayan sterling balance agreement signed in London today, official circles stated this afternoon.

A further £700,000 will be released from the balances during 1948 and £130,000 will be set aside to establish scholarships for Uruguayan scholars to study in Britain. It was added.

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NEW MACAO JUDGE

Macao, July 16.

Dr. J. Faria Martins, the new Macao District Judge, arrived by the Lourenco Marques. He succeeds Dr. Evandro Macarenhas who has been transferred to Rio de Janeiro.

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Pro-Franco MP Sets Off A Debate

London, July 14. Sir